

AGENDA
Open Space and Trails Advisory Board Meeting
Bijou Conference Room – 6934 S. Lima Street, Suite A, Centennial, CO 80112
Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 297 425 785 065 Passcode: Jv6GJ74j
Meeting Dial-in Number: 719-569-5048 Conference ID: 507 492 091#
April 28, 2025
5:30-8 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Items of Interest from the Public

Meeting Summary – February 24, 2025 (A)

General Discussion / Staff Reports

- Dove Valley Working Group Funding Request for Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement (A)
- Director Report: Updates on Previous OSTAB Recommendations and Open Space Budget Presentation (I)
- Funding Request for Harvest Trail (A)
- Funding Requests for Dove Valley Bike Park Sign, Interim Trails for Sand Lily Park, and Iliff Fencing (A)
- 2025 Grant Applications Received (I)

Managers' Report and Sales Tax Update (I)

Upcoming Events

- [Chalk Lines & Vines](#) (spring wine and chalk art festival): May 3 and 4, 2025
- [17 Mile House Open Houses](#)
 - Wool Spinning: May 17, 2025
 - Cherry Creek Valley History: June 14, 2025
- [CSU Extension events](#) added regularly, including:
 - Beauty and the Bees: May 1, 2025
 - Intro to Xeriscaping/Waterwise Gardening: May 2, 2025
 - Sourdough Workshop: May 5, 2025
 - Mediterranean Diet on a Budget: May 7, 2025
 - Lawn Care: May 15, 2025
 - Growing Tomatoes: May 17, 2025
 - What's Buggin' Your Garden: June 1, 2025
 - Cheyenne-Arapaho Kids Gardening Club: June 15, 2025
- [2025 State of the County](#) breakfast – June 10, 2025
- Bike to Work Day – June 25, 2025
- [High Line Canal Summer Scamper](#) (5K for all) – June 25, 2025
- [Arapahoe County Fair](#) – July 24-27, 2025
 - [Boots Not Suits](#): July 24, 2025
 - [Pours on the Plains](#): July 25, 2025

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Adjournment (A)

(A) Action Item (I) Information



**Arapahoe County Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB)
Meeting Summary – February 24, 2025**

Call to Order

Dala Giffin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance

OSTAB members: Dala Giffin, Amie Hulet, Kelly Ingebritson, Jack Swartz (via Teams at 5:39 p.m.), Joshua Vanderschuere, and Mike Mojica

Staff: Gini Pingnot, Michele Frishman, Glen Poole, Raymond Winn (via Teams), Sandra Bottoms (via Teams), Brenda Lucero, and John Christofferson (via Teams)

Guests: Melissa Reese-Thacker, South Suburban Park and Recreation District (via Teams); Sarah White, City of Littleton; Brent Thompson, City of Littleton; and Jeff Battiste, Mile High Flood District

Members of the public: Bob Hunchberger, RN, Aurora Open Space Advisory Board (via Teams), and Randy Giffin

Items of Interest from the Public

Bob Hunchberger introduced himself and spoke about some of the projects involving the Aurora Open Space Advisory Board. He also discussed the board's efforts to bring native plants back to the Plains Conservation Center.

Meeting Summary from December 2, 2024

Amie Hulet moved to approve the December 2, 2024, meeting summary as presented. The motion was seconded and passed (5-0).

General Discussion

Joint Project Request – Lee Gulch Trail Pedestrian Underpass

Melissa Reese-Thacker and Sarah White presented a request for \$2,108,079 in Open Space Acquisition and Development funds for the Lee Gulch Trail Pedestrian Underpass project. Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approval would be contingent upon the City of Littleton (City) and South Suburban Park and Recreation District securing matching funds (expected in March 2025) and the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the County and City. The County's funding would represent 50% of the total underpass and trail project cost of \$4,216,159.

Joshua Vanderschuere moved to recommend to the BOCC approval of \$2,108,079 from the Open Space Acquisition and Development Fund for the Lee Gulch Trail Pedestrian Underpass project. The motion was seconded and passed (6-0).

Managers' Report and Sales Tax Update

Gini Pingenot presented the managers' report.

Board Member Comments

Board member comments were discussed.

Adjournment

Mike Mojica moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:35 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed (6-0).



STAFF REPORT

Date: April 28, 2025

To: Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB)

Through: Gini Pingnot, Open Spaces Director

From: Michele Frishman, Grants and Acquisitions Manager
Sandra Bottoms, Grants and Acquisitions Administrator

Subject: Funding Request for Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement

Purpose and Action Requested:

The Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club (Rapids) will present a request for \$135,000 to assist in the replacement of the pedestrian bridge over Cherry Creek at the Gates Soccer Complex. Staff recommends providing the requested funding out of the \$1.5 million Dove Valley Working Group pledge, part of Open Spaces' Acquisition and Development Fund. We request that OSTAB make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to approve the funding.

Background and Discussion:

The Rapids request Dove Valley Working Group funds to replace a bridge across Cherry Creek at the Gates Soccer Complex. The previous bridge was installed in 1999 and was destroyed by flooding in 2023. It was located at an important connection point for the north and south fields of the soccer complex, the Cherry Creek Trail, and the next phase of the Fremont Avenue Trail.

Each year, approximately 11,000 youth soccer players play at the Gates Soccer Complex. They and their families regularly need to cross Cherry Creek to move between the north and south fields. Since the old bridge was destroyed, users of the soccer complex and anyone trying to reach the Cherry Creek Trail from the south either has to cross the creek using boulders installed for this purpose, or they have to drive or ride around the entire complex. Besides potential safety issues at the boulder crossing, it is not ADA-accessible.

In January 2025, the Rapids presented a proposal to the Dove Valley Working Group to install a new bridge, but Open Spaces has been aware of the need to replace the old bridge since the early days of the working group.

The soccer complex is located on City of Aurora property, and the City has approved the bridge replacement project. Construction is expected to begin in May 2025 and to be completed within three months. In addition to the new bridge, the Rapids would construct accessible approach ramps on either side as well as informational signage.

The total project cost is \$293,793, and the Rapids would provide a 54% cash match to the requested County funding; the cash match includes contributions by the Parker Jordan Metropolitan District, the Colorado Soccer Association, and the Rapids. The Dove Valley

Metropolitan District also provided significant in-kind support by assisting the Rapids with the funding application.

The Rapids would be responsible for maintaining the new bridge. However, in the event the Rapids discontinue use of the Gates Soccer Complex in the future, Open Spaces staff are requiring the Rapids to find a government entity in Arapahoe County that would take over bridge maintenance if needed. Any County funding would be contingent on this backup maintenance commitment.

The Parker Jordan Metropolitan District, Dove Valley Metropolitan District, Mile High Flood District, and City of Centennial support the project.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends providing \$135,000 in Acquisition and Development funds to the Rapids to support the replacement of the pedestrian bridge over Cherry Creek at the Gates Soccer Complex. This funding would come from the \$1.5 million Dove Valley Working Group pledge and would be contingent on a commitment from a government entity in Arapahoe County that would maintain the bridge in the event the Rapids are no longer using the Gates Soccer Complex in the future.

Suggested Motion:

I move that OSTAB recommend to the BOCC approval of the award of \$135,000 in Open Space Acquisition and Development funds to the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club to support the replacement of the pedestrian bridge over Cherry Creek at the Gates Soccer Complex, contingent on the maintenance commitment described in the staff recommendation.

Alternatives:

Approve, deny, or modify the funding request.

Fiscal Impact:

\$135,000 from the Open Space Acquisition and Development Fund. The fund balance significantly exceeds this amount.

Attachments:

Joint Project Application
Presentation

Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement

Joint Project Application

Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club

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Application Form

Application Summary

Grant Category*

Select One:

Joint Project

Primary Contact Information*

Please provide information for the primary contact for this project in the following format.

Agency:

Name:

Title:

Telephone:

Email:

Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club

Desmond Vickers

South Regional Manager

719-377-4050

info@rapidsyouthsoccer.org

Project Type*

Select One:

- **Trail Project:** Trail/trailhead construction or improvement, including stream/road crossings and trailhead amenities (such as parking, restrooms or shelters)
- **Site Improvement Project:** New construction, improvement, repair, or replacement of passive outdoor recreation amenities
- **Acquisition Project:** Eligible projects include fee simple acquisition of land for public open space or trails; acquisition of buffer land; acquisition of a conservation easement; and/or acquisition of water rights
- **Other Project:** Other allowable projects include stream/habitat restoration, natural re-vegetation, and water quality improvement

Site Improvement Project

Project Title*

Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement

Project Address

15099 E. Fremont Dr. Aurora, CO 80016

Project Location*

Select all that apply:

Aurora

GPS Coordinates (Latitude in Decimal Degrees)*

Example: Dove Valley Regional Park

Latitude: 39.577303

39.58663

GPS Coordinates (Longitude in Decimal Degrees)*

Example: Dove Valley Regional Park

Longitude: -104.828850

104.81320

Grant Request Amount*

\$135,000.00

Cash Match Amount*

\$158,793.00

Total Project Amount*

Total project amount includes grant request and cash match only. Please do not include in-kind match.

\$293,793.00

Cash Match Percentage*

Calculate cash match as % of total project cost.

54

Project Partners

List partner agencies if applicable.

Parker Jordan Metro District, Colorado Soccer Association

Executive Summary*

Highlight key points of your proposal, such as project description, components, deliverables, need, goals, beneficiaries, planning, etc.

Project Description & Components / Deliverables: The Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement Project will re-establish a crucial pedestrian crossing over Cherry Creek by constructing a new pedestrian bridge at the Gates Soccer Complex. The project's primary component is a new pedestrian bridge to replace the old bridge that was destroyed by floodwaters in 2023. Additional components of the project include accessible approach ramps on either side of the bridge, and informational signage to inform the public about the old bridge's history, and crediting the organizations that helped to fund and construct the new bridge.

Beneficiaries: The new bridge will serve the young athletes, families, and community members that utilize the soccer complex, along with the broader trail user community by re-establishing a safe pedestrian crossing over the creek, and allowing the planned extension of Dove Valley's recently completed Fremont Avenue Trail to connect with the Cherry Creek Regional Trail.

Need for the Project: The Gates Soccer Complex serves as a vital hub for sports and outdoor activities, bringing together tens of thousands of people annually, including young athletes, their families, and community members in a shared space for recreation and competition. Cherry Creek bisects the soccer complex, and for over 25 years, the two halves of the complex had been connected by an old pedestrian bridge across the Creek. Unfortunately, the heavy flooding along Cherry Creek in 2023 washed the bridge downstream and destroyed it. The absence of the bridge has disrupted safe and efficient movement between the two halves of the soccer complex, forcing pedestrians to take longer and / or potentially hazardous routes to cross Cherry Creek. Replacing the bridge is essential to restore accessibility for soccer enthusiasts and trail users alike, creating a safer environment for those navigating the complex, and allowing a valuable new trail connection that will benefit trail users throughout the broader community.

Planning: Design, Engineering, and Permit Status - The project construction plans are complete, fully approved, and ready for construction.

Authorized Signature

Certification and Authorized Signature Form*

Please attach completed Certification and Authorized Signature Form as a PDF document. Form must be signed by highest authority in agency or authorized individual. *Staff will email you the form.*

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_CertificationandAuthorizedSignatureForm.pdf*

Certification and Authorized Signature Form.docx (1).pdf

Project Timeline

Project Timeline Form*

Please attach completed Project Timeline Form as a PDF document. *Staff will email you the form.*

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_TimelineForm.pdf*

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Project Budget

Budget Forms*

Please attach completed Summary Budget Form and Detailed Expense Budget Form as a single PDF document. *Staff will email you the form.*

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_BudgetForms.pdf*

Application_Budget Forms.pdf

Project Narrative

Question 1*

Describe the project goals, scope, expected results, and deliverables. Discuss the current condition of the project site and what improvements, if any, are proposed and why. Discuss how this project preserves open space, improves access to the outdoors, creates connectivity, and/or provides educational opportunities.

Project Goals: The main goal of the Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement Project is to re-establish a crucial pedestrian crossing over Cherry Creek by constructing a new pedestrian bridge at the Gates Soccer Complex.

Expected Results: Replacing the bridge will restore access across Cherry Creek both for soccer complex users and trail users, creating a safer environment for those navigating the complex, and allowing a valuable new trail connection that will benefit trail users throughout the broader community.

Bridge History & Current Site Conditions: The old pedestrian bridge at the Gates soccer complex served the community for nearly 25 years before being destroyed during a flooding event in May of 2023. Following that event, the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club hired Martin/Martin Civil Engineers to design a replacement structure utilizing the existing bridge foundation and maintaining the hydraulic characteristics of the old bridge to avoid the need for a lengthy new flood plain permitting process.

The original bridge design was completed in 1999 and consisted of a 192 foot long, 12-span timber superstructure, with three stringers at each span and a deck approximately 10 feet in width. This bridge was designed to break away from its foundation during extreme flooding, using a restraint cable secured to an anchor along the channel embankment to keep the bridge from being carried downstream. Improving upon this original design, the proposed replacement superstructure will be tethered to the existing foundation piers rather than the channel embankment, with each of the twelve spans tethered separately. The intent is to allow these twelve bridge segments to break away as individual units, rather than as a longer single span that

would be more prone to severe damage. The new design also features stronger tether cables and improved anchorage detailing. These improvements are intended to make the bridge more resilient in extreme flooding situations, and less costly to repair following major flood events.

This project represents a vital investment in the community's recreational infrastructure. The Gates South Field complex serves as a hub for youth sports and family activities, drawing residents from across the city. Restoring the pedestrian bridge ensures that these fields remain fully accessible, enabling continued participation in organized sports and fostering a sense of community. The bridge's replacement will directly enhance the experience of hundreds of young athletes and their families, providing safe and convenient access between the north and south fields.

Additionally, the new bridge represents an essential component of the planned new trail connection from Dove Valley's Fremont Avenue Trail to the Cherry Creek Regional Trail, further contributing to Arapahoe County's commitment to improving trail connectivity, promoting active lifestyles, and utilizing its open spaces for public benefit. By facilitating pedestrian movement across Cherry Creek, the bridge encourages residents to engage with the natural environment, promoting physical health and well-being. The bridge also provides a safer alternative to crossing Cherry Creek at dangerous locations, which improves safety for the entire community.

Question 2*

Describe the community/neighborhood and user groups the project will serve. Discuss the type of users (children, families, seniors, etc.), and estimate the number of users that will benefit annually. How did you arrive at this estimate? *Include up to five community support letters in the Attachments section. Support letters should come from users, working groups, community members, volunteers, schools, etc. Letters should be dated within the last six months.*

The Gates Soccer Complex Bridge is a vital connection for both the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club community and the surrounding neighborhoods, linking players, families, and residents to key destinations. The area around the complex is a diverse mix of residential, office, retail, and recreational spaces, creating a high demand for safe and efficient pedestrian and bicycle access. The bridge serves young children and families from nearby apartments and condominiums, bicycle commuters traveling to work, and recreational walkers and runners of all ages. Additionally, with major outdoor destinations such as Dove Valley Regional Park, Centennial Center Park, Cherry Creek Ecological Park, and the Parker Jordan-Arapahoe Open Space nearby, many community members rely on this bridge for access to these recreational areas.

For the soccer community, this bridge is especially crucial. The Gates Soccer Complex is a major hub for Colorado Soccer Association programming, hosting league games, tournaments, and training sessions for teams from across the state. Each year, The Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club, which utilizes the Gates Soccer Complex, has approximately 11,000 registered players annually. With an average of 2 family members attending games and practices, we estimate that approximately 30,000+ individuals within the youth soccer community use the bridge annually. This estimation is based on club registration data and average attendance statistics. All of these individuals depend on this bridge to move between fields, access parking, and navigate the complex safely. Additionally, countless walkers, runners, and cyclists use this bridge daily as part of their exercise or commuting routines. Rebuilding the bridge will not only restore a key piece of infrastructure but also enhance safety, accessibility, and connectivity for both the soccer community and the broader neighborhood. Ensuring this bridge remains functional and well-maintained is essential to supporting local sports, recreation, and community engagement.

The density of residential areas adjacent to the bridge suggests a significant number of residents utilize it for daily activities. These include walking to nearby amenities, accessing trails for exercise, and connecting to other neighborhoods. Given the increasing focus on pedestrian-friendly infrastructure in the area, it is reasonable to assume that the bridge plays a crucial role in facilitating local movement. The region's growing network of bike paths and commitments to alternative transportation indicate a rising number of bicycle

commuters. The bridge's planned connection to the broader trail network, and its location near employment hubs, strongly suggest that it serves as a vital link for those commuting by bicycle. The bridge provides a safe crossing of Cherry Creek, which is very important to bicycle commuters. The popularity of Dove Valley Regional Park, Centennial Center Park, Cherry Creek Ecological Park, and Parker Jordan-Arapahoe Open Space generates a substantial flow of visitors. The bridge's role in providing direct access to these recreational areas means that a significant number of park-goers rely on it, especially on weekends and during good weather.

Although precise numbers may vary, it is clear that the Gates Soccer Complex Bridge is a heavily utilized piece of infrastructure that significantly impacts the quality of life for area residents. Its role in connecting neighborhoods, facilitating recreation, and promoting alternative transportation underscores its importance to the community.

Question 3*

Discuss the need and urgency for this project and why it is a priority. Was the project prioritized in a master plan or other planning document (including County Comprehensive Plan, County Open Space Master Plan, etc.), an independent community planning process, a working group, etc.? Is this part of a larger phased project? What opportunities will be lost if this project is not funded now?

The loss of the Gates Soccer Complex Bridge has created more than just an inconvenience—it has become a significant safety concern for our soccer community. Currently, members and coaches must navigate the manufactured boulders that were placed as a temporary solution. However, only those physically capable can cross them, leaving families with strollers, young children, and individuals needing assistance without a safe way to access both sides of the complex. Additionally, field staff and maintenance crews must now drive their equipment between locations rather than using the bridge, adding inefficiencies to their operations. Most critically, emergency vehicles are unable to access the fields directly in times of crisis, putting players, coaches, and spectators at risk.

Parking limitations further highlight the urgency of rebuilding the bridge. Gates North has minimal parking, and in the past, families were encouraged to park at Gates South and walk across the bridge. Without this connection, parking congestion has worsened, and the adjacent mall—once an alternative for overflow parking—strictly enforces towing for unauthorized vehicles. The lack of accessible parking and safe pedestrian passage not only disrupts game-day logistics but also creates unnecessary safety hazards for families walking in high-traffic areas. Rebuilding the bridge is essential to restoring a safe, functional, and efficient environment for everyone who relies on the Gates Soccer Complex.

Work Completed and Future Plans

After the severe flooding in May 2023, we took immediate action to clear the debris and remove the broken sections of the bridge from the water. What remains are the original bridge footings, which the contractor has assessed and confirmed can be utilized for the rebuilding process. This foundation provides a strong starting point for reconstruction, reducing costs and expediting the project timeline.

Funding Needs and Next Steps

Over the past year, significant resources have been dedicated to advancing this project. We have already invested \$38,793 in engineering and permitting costs, and the Parker Jordan Metropolitan District has committed an additional \$120,000. Based on project bids and our estimates for minor auxiliary components, the estimated total cost—including engineering and permits—is \$293,793. With \$158,793 already secured, we are now seeking \$135,000 in additional funding to complete the project. CRYSC has already covered the initial engineering costs and is committed to funding any potential overages beyond the estimated budget.

This project has required navigating complex ownership and jurisdictional challenges, but our priority remains ensuring safe and reliable access across Cherry Creek. The new bridge will incorporate a breakaway design to withstand future flooding, enhance accessibility for individuals with limited mobility, and provide

safer transport routes for equipment, trainers, and referees. With Arapahoe County's support, we can close the remaining funding gap and complete this vital infrastructure improvement for the soccer community and surrounding neighborhoods.

The urgency of restoring the Gates Soccer Complex Bridge is underscored by its alignment with the Arapahoe County Open Space Master Plan, which prioritizes safe pedestrian connectivity within key recreational corridors like Cherry Creek. While not explicitly named, the bridge's replacement directly supports the plan's goals of improving trail connectivity, enhancing public access to open spaces and promoting active lifestyles.

With support from the Dove Valley Working Group and their recognition that the bridge will enable the extension of the recently completed Fremont Ave Trail to connect with the Cherry Creek Regional Trail, this bridge will serve as the first phase of a two phase project. The second phase, which involves the trail extension, is being planned for construction in 2026.

Furthermore, the strong community support demonstrated through the support letters we've received clearly indicates the project's high priority. Failure to fund this project now will result in continued safety hazards, diminished recreational access, and increased parking congestion, hindering the community's ability to fully utilize the Gates South Field complex and the surrounding Cherry Creek corridor.

Question 4*

Summarize any planning completed prior to submitting this Joint Project proposal. Is design and engineering complete? Does the project necessitate a zoning change? List any permits that need to be obtained and status of obtaining those permits (Federal 404, County or City, Storm Water Drainage, etc.).

Design, Engineering, and Permit Status: The project construction plans are complete, fully approved, and ready for construction. Utilizing the existing footings and designing the new bridge to match the hydraulic characteristics of the previous bridge eliminated any requirement to undergo a new flood plain / floodway permitting process.

Question 5*

Describe the timeframe needed to complete the project. Discuss the agency's capacity to complete the project, including project management, resources, and experience implementing similar projects.

Projected Timeline: Because the Design & Permitting work has already been completed, the Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Project is expected to progress quite rapidly. The construction phase is anticipated to last no more than three months, with a likely completion timeframe closer to two months. Given the project's simplicity and careful planning, we are confident that this schedule is both realistic and achievable.

Project Management: Day to day project management during bridge construction will be handled by our general contractor, Wilderness Construction. Wilderness Construction is well versed in the type of construction required to install the bridge. Desmond Vickers, the Regional Manager for CRYSC, will be the main point of contact for Wilderness Construction, and will oversee their work as the project progresses.

Question 6*

Summarize any efforts to obtain public input, disseminate information to the public, develop partnerships, and garner community support for this project. List the stakeholders that are involved. Discuss any known or anticipated opposition to this project and how this will be addressed. *Include letters, petitions, news articles, or other documents evidencing opposition in the Attachments section.*

Community Support and Engagement: Since the bridge was lost, both our members and visiting teams have recognized its importance and the critical need for its reconstruction. There is overwhelming support from the soccer community, our partners, and local stakeholders to rebuild the bridge, as it plays a vital role in accessibility and connectivity for players, families, and the trail user community. Upon presenting the bridge project to the Dove Valley Working Group, additional support emerged from many of the multiple entities engaged in promoting trail and open space improvements throughout the area.

Partnerships and Funding Support: The Parker Jordan Metropolitan District has committed \$120,000 toward the project, and continues to provide valuable support for our outreach efforts. The Colorado Soccer Association also contributed \$10,000 toward project design and permitting. (This \$10,000 is part of the \$38,793 amount allocated to design and permitting as shown elsewhere in this application.) The Dove Valley Metropolitan District has also provided "in-kind" assistance by helping to promote the project, soliciting critical support and participation from other members of the Dove Valley Working Group, and assisting in the preparation of this Joint Project Application. We also look forward to collaborating with Arapahoe County Open Spaces should our project be selected for grant funding. These multiple partnerships will be essential in bringing this project to fruition, and to ensuring safe, reliable access for all.

Question 7*

How much of your planned cash match is secured? If applicable, what are your plans for raising additional funds? Describe cash and in-kind match partnerships established for the project. Explain if partnerships were not possible or necessary for this project. *Include partner support letters in the Attachments section and include match from partners on the Budget Forms. Joint Project recipients are responsible for project cost overruns.*

Cash Match Secured: We have secured 100% of our \$158,793 cash match, as outlined in the attached Summary Budget. The Parker Jordan Metropolitan District has committed \$120,000 to the project, and we have already contributed \$38,793 towards engineering and permitting fees. We also have additional Soccer Club funds in reserve, ready to fund auxiliary components such as approach ramps and informational signage. The \$158,793 in matching funds represents 54% of the total project budget of \$293,793.

Additional Funds: We do not anticipate the need to pursue any further funding sources beyond the \$135,000 grant funding we are seeking through the Arapahoe County Open Spaces' Grant Program.

In-Kind Partnerships: The Dove Valley Metropolitan District has provided "in-kind" assistance by helping to promote the project, soliciting critical support and participation from other members of the Dove Valley Working Group, and assisting in the preparation of this Joint Project Application.

Question 8*

Describe any scenic, historic, or cultural values associated with the project site. Will they be preserved or restored? Discuss specific natural resources at the site (including habitat, water, wildlife, and vegetation) and impacts to these resources as a result of this project. If applicable, discuss environmental sustainability benefits of this project (such as energy or water conservation, water quality improvement, etc.).

The Gates South Field project site, located within the Cherry Creek corridor, possesses significant scenic and cultural values for the Aurora community. The corridor itself is a treasured natural feature, offering picturesque views of the creek and surrounding open spaces. The bridge, while primarily functional, serves as a key access point to these scenic areas, allowing residents and visitors to fully appreciate the natural beauty of the region. The Cherry Creek corridor also holds cultural significance as a recreational and gathering space for the community, where families, athletes, and nature enthusiasts come together. The replacement of the bridge, utilizing the existing foundation, will preserve the visual integrity of the site and maintain this crucial access point, ensuring the continued enjoyment of these scenic and cultural values.

Regarding natural resources, the project site includes the Cherry Creek waterway and its associated riparian habitat. The creek supports a variety of wildlife, including fish, birds, and small mammals, and the surrounding vegetation plays a vital role in maintaining water quality and stabilizing the riverbanks. The proposed bridge replacement has been designed to minimize impacts to these natural resources. By utilizing the existing foundation, we are reducing the need for extensive excavation and disturbance of the riparian zone. Furthermore, the hydraulic design ensures that the bridge does not impede the flow of water or negatively impact the floodplain, protecting the integrity of the waterway and its associated habitats.

While the primary focus of this project is to restore safe pedestrian access, it also offers environmental sustainability benefits. Maintaining the bridge ensures the continued functionality of the pedestrian and bicycle trail network along Cherry Creek, encouraging alternative transportation and reducing reliance on vehicular traffic. This promotes energy conservation and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, by re-establishing safe pedestrian access across the creek, the project helps to prevent erosion and maintain water quality. The bridge's breakaway design, while primarily for flood safety, also contributes to long-term sustainability by ensuring the bridge can be easily rebuilt after major flooding events, minimizing the need for extensive reconstruction and resource consumption. In summary, the bridge replacement project not only restores vital community infrastructure but also preserves and enhances the scenic, cultural, and natural resource values of the Cherry Creek corridor.

Question 9*

Discuss ownership and legal access at the proposed project site. Detail any third-party rights, easements, or other encumbrances that exist.

Please reference the long-term lease agreement attached under 'Other Attachments' for more details regarding ownership and legal access for this project. Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club operates under an agreement with Aurora Water, which grants us the authority to manage and maintain the Gates Soccer Complex as needed.

Question 10*

Describe long-term plans for maintaining the project. Who will be responsible for maintenance? Estimate annual costs to maintain the site, and explain how maintaining this project site affects your agency's budget.

As in prior years with the old bridge, the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club will also be responsible for maintenance of the new pedestrian bridge. Maintenance of the bridge has historically been included as an integral part of the Soccer Club's annual facility maintenance budget. The overall facility maintenance budget for 2025 is \$101,000. We are confident this amount includes sufficient funds to maintain the new bridge.

Note: we are currently in dialog with the City of Aurora to develop a contingency plan should the soccer club no longer be in a position to maintain the bridge at some point in the future. The results of that dialog will be shared with the review committee upon conclusion.

Question 11*

If applicable, describe how this project will address inclusivity per Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

Here is how the bridge will address inclusivity per American with Disabilities Act:

- Accessible Approach Ramps: The project will include approach ramps that provide ADA compliant access to the bridge.
- Adequate Width: The bridge's walking surface will be designed to meet or exceed ADA width requirements, ensuring ample space for individuals using mobility devices to maneuver and pass others.
- Smooth and Stable Surface: The bridge's surface will be constructed from a smooth, stable, and slip-resistant material, providing a safe and comfortable walking experience for all users, including those with mobility impairments.
- Edge Protection: The bridge will incorporate edge protection to prevent wheelchairs and other mobility devices from accidentally rolling off the edge, enhancing safety for all users.

Question 12*

If successful in obtaining Joint Project funding, how will the agency use this project to inform citizens about the value of the Arapahoe County Open Space Sales and Use Tax? Discuss plans for public outreach, signage, celebration, dedication, etc. *You are required to inform the County of any press about the project and any related events (ribbon cutting ceremonies, etc.). Additionally, acknowledgement of County support must be included in any press about the project.*

If successful in obtaining Joint Project funding, our organization will strategically utilize the Gates South Field bridge replacement project as a tangible demonstration of the positive impact of the Arapahoe County Open Space Sales and Use Tax. We plan to post updates about the bridge project on our website and in our monthly newsletters, including news about Arapahoe County's funding assistance through the Open Space and Use Sales Tax. (The website receives +/- 10,000 visitors monthly, and the newsletter goes out to +/- 70,000 subscribers each month.) We also plan to include informational signage as part of the project to educate the public about the history of the old bridge, and to credit the agencies that helped to fund construction of the new bridge. And finally, we intend to schedule and publicly advertise a celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony upon completion of the bridge project.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Evidence of Support from Highest Authority*

Please attach evidence of support from the agency's highest authority (official letter or resolution) as a PDF document. At a minimum, this document must include: project title, amount of grant funds requested, statement that matching funds are secured and/or efforts to secure funds are underway (include the amount of matching funds committed), and certification that the project will be open to the public or serve a public purpose upon completion. *A sample resolution is available on the Open Space website.*

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_SupportfromHighestAuthority.pdf*

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Attachment 2: Evidence of Community Support

Please attach letters of support from users, working groups, community members, volunteers, schools, etc. (maximum of 5) as a single PDF document. Letters should be dated within the last 6 months.

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Attachment 4: Evidence of Commitment from Project Partners

Please attach evidence of commitment from project partners (such as partner support letters or commitment to provide cash/in-kind match) as a single PDF document. There is no maximum allowable number of partner support letters. If there are no partners for this project, please attach a page stating that this section is not applicable.

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Attachment 5: Primary Project Photo*

Please attach one high resolution photo in JPG format. Please choose the photo that provides the best overall representation of your project. This photo will be used for presentations and/or publications.

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Attachment 6: Photos

Please attach photos of existing conditions at the project site (including captions) as a single PDF document. Include conceptual drawings if applicable.

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Attachment 7: Maps*

Please attach a site map and a vicinity map as a single PDF document.

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Please attach additional supporting documentation (news article, cost estimate, appraisal, title commitment, etc.) as a single PDF document.

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Confirmation

Please click the "I Agree" button below to certify that your application is complete and ready to submit. Once submitted, applications are final and cannot be returned.*

I agree

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Source of Funds	Date Funds Secured	Grant Request	Cash Match	Total Project Funds
Arapahoe County Open Spaces Grant		\$135,000		\$135,000
Applicant Cash Match			\$38,793	\$38,793
(Specify) Partner Cash Match/Other Funding Source			\$120,000	\$120,000
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Totals		\$135,000	\$158,793	\$293,793

MATCH REQUIREMENTS	Total Project Cost:	\$293,793.00
	Cash Match % Required:	50%
	Required Cash Match Amount:	\$146,896.50
	Project Cash Match Budget:	\$158,793.00
	* Please note that applicants typically provide 50% match for joint projects. Matches less than 50% may be considered, but will be pre-approved by County staff before submitting an application.	

Applicant: Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer

Project Title: Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement

** Please do not include in-kind match on the Budget Forms. Describe in-kind match in the budget narrative and project narrative.*

Detailed Expense Worksheet - Joint Project Application

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Applicant: Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club **Project Title:** Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement **Date:** 4/3/2025



RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS

WHEREAS, the organization of Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club ("CRYSC") as part of its mission statement focuses on safety of its players and members;

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County provides funding for such projects through distribution of its Open Space Grant monies;

WHEREAS, CRYSC has requested \$ 135,000.00 for *Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement* from Arapahoe County Open Spaces to; replace broken bridge between north and south soccer fields at Gates Soccer Complex.

WHEREAS, the *Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement* project is located on the Cherry Creek trail and open to the public,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club's leadership shall and does hereby endorse the following:

1. The leadership of CRYSC strongly supports the grant application for *Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement*.
2. The leadership of CRYSC has appropriated \$ 158,793.00 in matching funds for said Arapahoe County Open Space Grant and authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of the awarded grant.
3. CRYSC commits to completing the *Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement* project if the grant is awarded.
4. The project site is leased by Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club.
5. The leadership of CRYSC will maintain the *Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement* project in a high-quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance in its annual budget.
6. If the grant is awarded, the leadership of CRYSC acknowledges responsibility of cost overruns for the *Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Replacement* project.
7. If the grant is awarded, the leadership of CRYSC hereby authorizes the Executive Director to sign the grant agreement and grant reports with Arapahoe County.
8. This resolution is in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

DATED this 3rd day of April 2025

Signed by:

Aaron Nagel

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Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer, Executive Director

ATTEST: DocuSigned by:

Regan Brown

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Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer, Chief Administrative Officer



April 4, 2025

Arapahoe County Open Spaces
Michele Frishman, Grants and Applications Manager
6934 S Lima Street
Centennial, CO 80112

Re: Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club (CRYSC) - Gates Soccer Complex Bridge Project

Dear Arapahoe County Open Spaces,

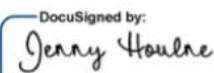
The City of Centennial fully supports the collaborative efforts of the Dove Valley Working Group to assist the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club (CRYSC) in rebuilding the pedestrian bridge at Gates Soccer Complex, located within the City of Aurora.

The Gates Soccer Complex serves as a hub for sports and outdoor activities, bringing together tens of thousands of families, athletes, and community members in a shared space for recreation and competition. The bridge has been a critical connector, providing safe passage across the Cherry Creek waterway. Its absence has forced recreational users and CRYSC staff to seek alternate routes across the waterway, resulting in concerns about safety and accessibility. Restoring the bridge is essential to ensuring accessibility for all, creating a safer environment for those navigating the complex, and reestablishing a key connection that supports the local recreation community.

Beyond the immediate need for improved access within the soccer complex, this project presents an opportunity for a larger collaborative effort among multiple entities and jurisdictions to connect public open spaces. The new bridge would connect into the Cherry Creek Regional Trail on the north end of the complex, and the City of Centennial encourages consideration of a connection to Dove Valley Metropolitan District's vision for a future Phase 2 of the Fremont Trail to the south. By supporting the bridge replacement initiative, Arapahoe County Open Spaces and its supporting entities will meet an immediate need, while also having the opportunity to explore closing a gap in the larger, regional trail system.

We believe this project will provide valuable improvements and have lasting impacts on the regional trail system. We encourage Arapahoe County Open Spaces to support this effort, and we thank you for your consideration and ongoing commitment to enhancing public spaces for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:


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Jenny Houlne
Community Development Director
City of Centennial



DOVE VALLEY
Metropolitan District

Arapahoe County Open Spaces
Attn: Michele Frishman, Grants and Applications Manager
6934 S Lima St, Unit A
Centennial, Colorado 80112

April 3, 2025

Dear Project Review Committee,

On behalf of Dove Valley Metropolitan District, I am writing to express the District's strong support for the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club (CRYSC) in their effort to rebuild the pedestrian bridge at Gates Soccer Complex. This bridge has been a critical connector for thousands of annual users, including youth athletes, visiting teams, and members of the broader community who use the area for recreation. The loss of the old bridge in the spring of 2024 has not only caused significant inconvenience but has also raised safety concerns for those who rely on it.

Of special interest to the Dove Valley Metropolitan District is that the new bridge represents a critical component of the "Fremont Trail Extension Project" we have been pursuing to connect the recently completed Fremont Avenue Trail to the Cherry Creek Regional Trail. Because the bridge project aligns so strongly with Dove Valley's goal to make this trail connection happen, we have offered "in-kind" assistance to the soccer club in their efforts to raise the funds needed to construct the bridge. This assistance has included help in promoting the project, soliciting critical support and participation from members of the Dove Valley Working Group, and assisting in the preparation of the soccer club's Joint Project Funding Application.

We believe this project will have a meaningful and lasting impact on the community and strongly encourage Arapahoe County to support this initiative. Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to enhancing public spaces for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,

David Solin

District Manager

Dove Valley Metropolitan District

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PARKER JORDAN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT (THE “DISTRICT”)
HELD
FEBRUARY 18, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Parker Jordan Metropolitan District (referred to hereafter as the “Board”) was convened on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at the Parker Firehouse No. 42, 7320 S. Parker Road, Foxfield, Colorado and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was open to the public.

ATTENDANCE

Directors in attendance were:

Michael Mojica, Secretary
Kimberly Nuttall, Treasurer
Lady Alice Shyong, Assistant Secretary
Christopher Sellers, Assistant Secretary

Kevin Pettway, President was absent and excused.

Also, In Attendance Were:

Nic Carlson and Ashley Heidt, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (“CLA”)
Brenden Desmond, Esq.; Spencer Fane LLP

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Call to Order and Agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. Upon a motion duly made by Director Sellers, seconded by Director Shyong and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda, as presented.

Disclosures of Potential Conflicts of Interest:

The Board discussed the requirements of Colorado law to disclose any potential conflicts of interest or potential breaches of fiduciary duty of the Board of Directors to the Secretary of State. The members of the Board were requested to disclose any potential conflicts of interest with regard to any matters scheduled for discussion at this meeting and incorporated for the record those applicable disclosures made by the Board members prior to this meeting in accordance with statute. It was noted by Attorney Desmond that disclosures of potential conflicts of interest were filed with the Secretary of State for all directors, and no additional conflicts were disclosed at the meeting.

Quorum, Location of Meeting, Posting of Meeting Notice:

Mr. Carlson confirmed the presence of a quorum.

The Board entered into a discussion regarding the requirements of Section 32-1-903(1), C.R.S., concerning the location of the District's Board meeting. It was noted that notice of the time, date and location was duly posted and that no objections to the location or any requests that the meeting place be changed by taxpaying electors within the District's boundaries have been received.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Minutes of January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting:

Following review and discussion, upon a motion duly made by Director Sellers, seconded by Director Shyong and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board approved the January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Ratify BrightView Addendum to Landscape Services Agreement for 2025:

Upon a motion duly made by Director Sellers, seconded by Director Shyong and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board ratified the BrightView Addendum to Landscape Services Agreement for 2025, as presented.

Ratify Streamline Agreement for ADA Remediation Services:

Upon a motion duly made by Director Nuttall, seconded by Director Sellers and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board ratified the Streamline Agreement for ADA Remediation Services, as presented.

LANDSCAPING MATTERS

Landscape Maintenance Report:

Mr. Carlson reviewed the landscape maintenance report with the Board. The Board accepted the report.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Current Claims Totaling \$8,545.10:

Mr. Carlson reviewed the current claims with the Board. There were questions on the Netcentric charge which Mr. Carlson informed the Board these were for document remediation. Following review, upon a motion duly made by Director Sellers, seconded by Director Shyong and, upon vote, the Board approved current claims in the amount of \$8,545.10, as presented.

February 14, 2025 Cash Position Schedule:

Mr. Carlson reviewed the Cash Position Schedule with the Board. Director Nuttall inquired about the funds available, and asked of what projects are in the works. Following discussion, upon a motion duly made by Director Sellers, seconded by Director Nuttall and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the February 14, 2025 Cash Position Schedule, as presented.

LEGAL MATTERS

Update on May 6, 2025 Election:

Attorney Desmond provided an update to the Board. Director Mojica noted that there is an owner that may be interested in serving on the Board.

MANAGER MATTERS

Consider Grant to Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club Non-Profit:

Mr. Carlson reviewed the information with the Board noting that the Board previously asked about the use of CTF funds. He stated that the CTF funds could not be used because it is privately owned land. He also noted that he researched how this would impact the Fremont Trail Project and that Kevin Crehan is trying to run these projects in tandem. Mr. Carlson informed the Board that Mr. Crehan is trying to work with the soccer club to have them take over maintenance.

Following discussion, upon a motion duly made by Director Sellers, seconded by Director Nuttall and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board approved a grant in a NTE amount of \$120,000 to the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club Non-Profit, subject to legal drafting an agreement for execution.

Director Sellers inquired if the District could use the CTF funds for a suggested Independence Day Celebration or supporting the Parker's Independence Day Celebration. Mr. Carlson noted that it is best practice to spend large amount of funds on items that are tangible to the taxpayers, but there is not a specific rule saying they cannot support town functions.

Tech Upgrade Proposal:

Director Sellers reviewed with the Board noting upgrades projected would be in an amount NTE \$5,000. Director Mojica will work on a proposal to bring to the next meeting for additional upgrades.

DIRECTOR MATTERS

Consider Centennial State of our City Sponsorship:

Director Mojica reviewed the details of the annual event. Mr. Carlson noted his staff will

reach out and get more information on the sponsorship levels.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By  Signed by:
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Secretary for the Meeting

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Mike Mojica

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Feb 19,
9:32 AM

to me,
Brenden,
Nicholas

Desmond,

It was great talking with you this morning, and we are happy to sponsor \$120K for the building of a new bridge!

Please forward this email to your team so they can work with Brenden Desmond, our Metro District attorney so we can draft up an agreement. The agreement will basically state all the funds will be used to construct the bridge, the soccer club will be responsible for the maintenance of the bridge, and the soccer club will allow public access to the bridge.

I'm sure Brenden will have more details.

Thanks for allowing us to be a community partner in this project.

Thanks,

Mike Mojica

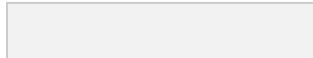
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Dear Michele,

As a member of the Dove Valley Working Group (DVWG), I am writing to express support for the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club (CRYSC) in their effort to rebuild the pedestrian bridge at Gates Soccer Complex. Presentations from the CRYSC have made it clear that this bridge has been a critical connector for thousands of annual users, including youth athletes, visiting teams, and members of the broader community who use the area for recreation. The loss of this bridge has not only caused significant inconvenience but has also raised safety concerns for those who rely on it. Restoring this bridge is essential to ensuring accessibility for all, creating a safer environment for those navigating the complex, and reestablishing a key connection that supports the local recreation community.

While the bridge replacement is currently a private effort, I do think that the mission of the CRYSC and the activities at the Gates Soccer Complex align well with the mission of Arapahoe County Open Space. Due to this alignment of goals and the alignment of goals of the DVWG, I would recommend that Arapahoe County Open Space consider using funds allocated to the DVWG to partner with the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club to fund the reconstruction of the Cherry Creek pedestrian bridge. It appears that the bridge replacement has been permitted with construction partially funded by the CRYSC. DVWG funds could go along way towards fully funding the construction effort and making an immediate impact on in the Dove Valley area.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. Please feel free to reach out to me if additional discussion on the need is warranted.

Sincerely,
Jim Watt

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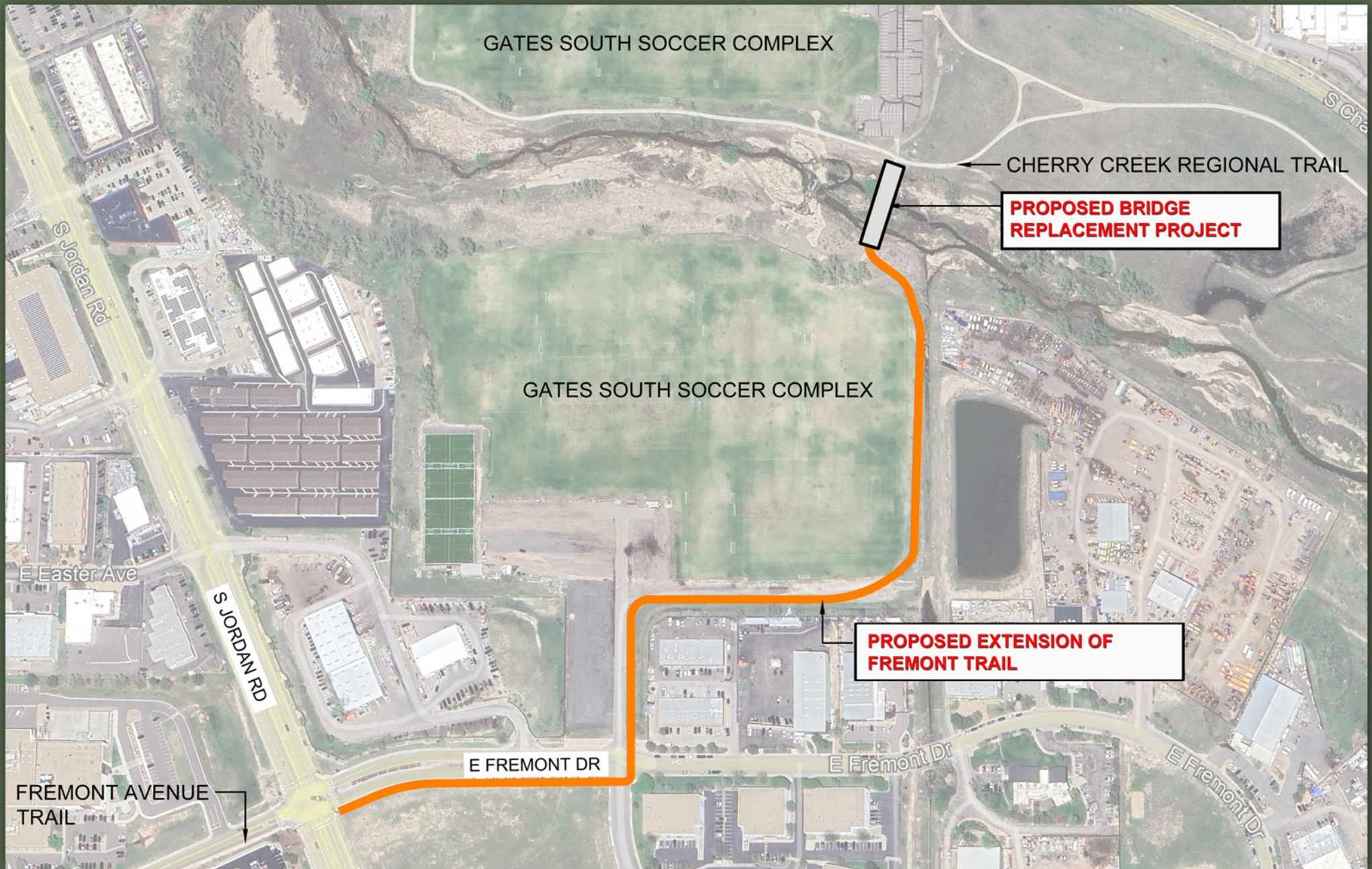




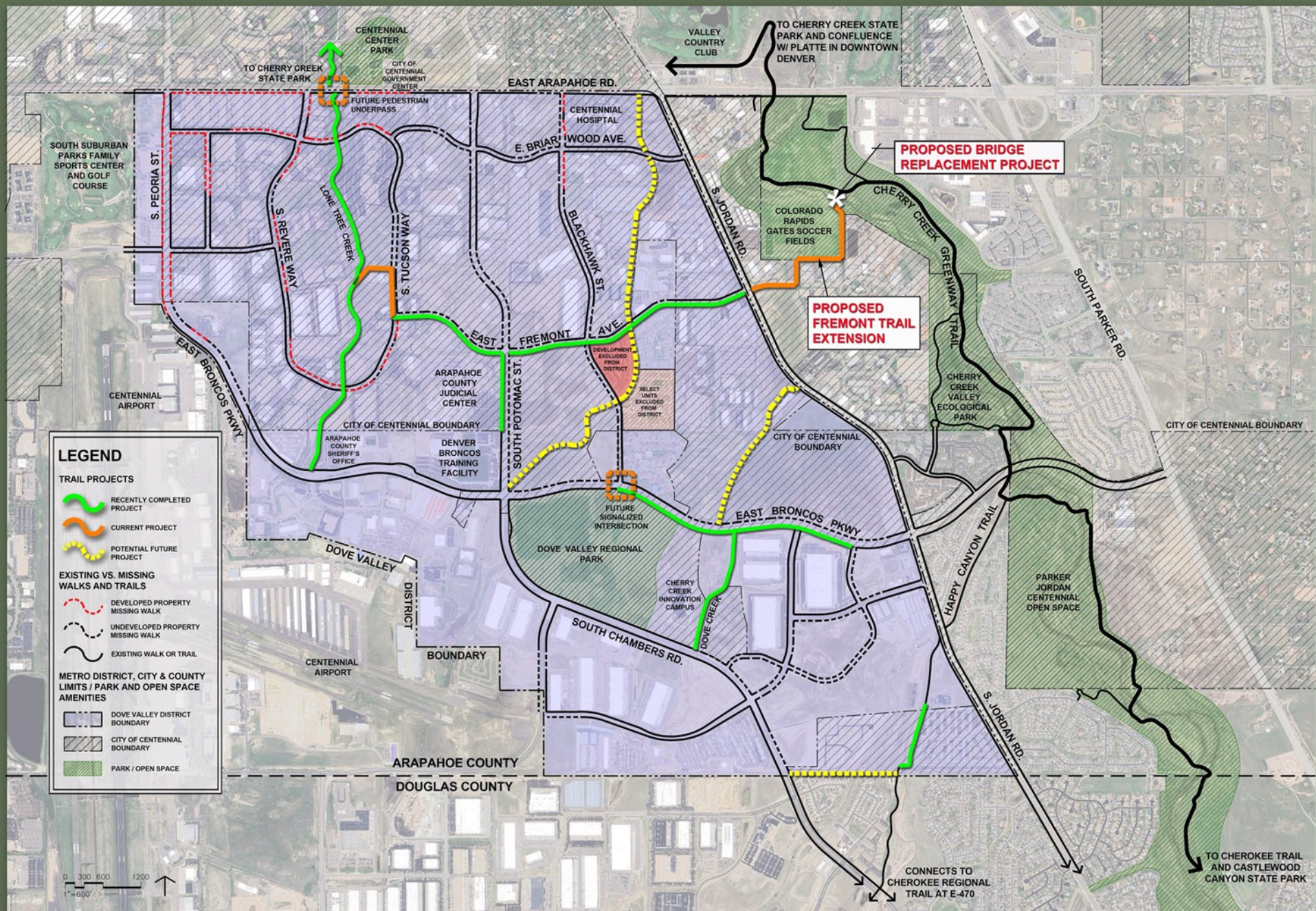








Fremont Avenue Trail - Phase II



Dove Valley Trails Initiative

Current Trail Projects February 2025

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Dear Applicant:

— This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(2).

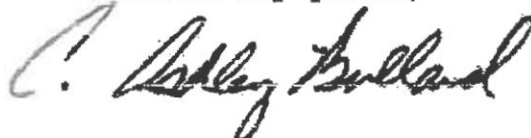
Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(2) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(2) organization.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,



District Director

Letter 1050 (00/00)

Charitable organization

Name	COLORADO STORM SOCCER CLUB		
Other names (DBAs)	COLORADO RAPIDS YOUTH SOCCER CLUB, COLORADO FUSION SOCCER CLUB, INC.		
Status	Good as of 11/27/2024		
Expires on	08/15/2025	Initial registration	06/02/2009
Registration #	20093005759	Established	02/21/1978, Colorado
EIN	84-0758620	Form	Corporation

Street	111 HAVANA ST, STE 120, AURORA, CO 80010
Mailing	111 N HAVANA STREET, #120, AURORA, CO 80010
County	ARAPAHOE
Phone	7205931584
Website	

NTEE codes	RECREATION,SPORTS; YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
Charitable purpose	COLORADO STORM SOCCER CLUB IS AN AFFILATE OF CHERRY CREEK SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC. DBA COLORADO STORM SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC. AND COLORADO FUSION SOCCER CLUB DBA COLORADO RAPIDS YOUTH SOCCER CLUB. COLORADO STORM SOCCER CLUB PROVIDES SERVICES TO YOUTH IN THE DENVER METRO AREA, WITH OFFICES IN CENTENNIAL, NORTHGLENN, FORT COLLINS AND CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO. COLORADO STORM SOCCER CLUB EXISTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SERVICES AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES TO YOUTH TO LEARN AND PLAY THE GAME OF SOCCER, PROMOTE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, AND CREATE PHYSICAL FITNESS THROUGH A RECREATIONAL AND COMPETITIVE LEAGUE STRUCTURE.
Tax-exempt code	501(C)(4)
Donations tax deductible?	Yes

License Agreement

This License Agreement ("license") is effective this first day of January 2017, between the City of Aurora, Colorado, a municipal corporation, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise, ("City"), and Colorado Storm Soccer Association, a Colorado non-profit organization ("Licensee/CSSA").

In consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the City and the Licensee hereby agree as follows:

1. Premises. The City by these presents, without warranting title or interest therein, does hereby grant to Licensee a non-exclusive License for use as soccer fields a portion of City owned real property ("Property"), described in Exhibit A attached hereto and subject to the following terms and conditions. CSSA's use of the Property shall be limited to that portion of the Property described and depicted in Exhibit A hereto, together with permission for access and utilities as provided herein ("Premises"). Access to the site will be provided by CSSA at its own expense. The Premises, located at 15280 E. Arapahoe Road, Aurora, Arapahoe County, Colorado, comprises fifty (50) acres, more or less (excepting access).
2. Use. CSSA recognizes that Aurora uses a portion of the Property described in Exhibit A as the location of its Cherry Creek Well Field. This well field presently consists of seven (7) tributary wells, and three (3) nontributary wells. CSSA recognizes the importance of this well field to the health and safety of the community and agrees that its use of the Premises shall not interfere in any way with Aurora's use of the Cherry Creek Well Field as it is presently configured or as it may be configured in the future. The Premises may be used by CSSA for the purpose of conducting youth sports activities and for related activities.
3. Term. The term of this License shall begin on January 1, 2017. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 8, the term of this License shall continue through December 31, 2036, with the option for a ten (10) year extension upon request by CSSA and written approval by the City.
4. Payment.
 - a. Prior to the effective date CSSA shall pay the City an annual payment sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) ("Initial Payment"). Each anniversary date from the effective date the Annual Payment shall increase three percent from that of the previous year's payment. The annual payment shall be payable on the anniversary of the Effective Date each year in advance to City at City's address specified in Paragraph 14 below.
 - b. If this License is terminated prior to the succeeding anniversary of the Effective Date, the Annual Payment shall be pro-rated as of the date of termination, and in the event of termination for any reason other than non-payment of Rent, the remainder of the current year pre-paid Rents shall be refunded to CSSA.

5. Interference. The parties hereto shall not use, nor shall they permit their employees, invitees, later licensees or lessees or agents to use, any portion of City's Property in any way which interferes with the operations of the other.

a. CSSA shall not permit the installation of any additional facilities by any other party on the Premises which the City reasonably determines would interfere with the use of operation of facilities installed or to be installed by City. Neither City's failure to make or notify CSSA of a determination that an additional use of the Premises would interfere with the use or operation of such facilities, a determination of City that such additional use would not interfere with the use or operation of such facilities, nor any failure to promptly identify and/or complain of any interference or the cause thereof, shall operate as a waiver of or to estop City from enforcing its rights under this License.

b. CSSA understands that the City operates, repairs, and maintains its Cherry Creek Well Field within the City property. City will not permit any interference to the wells to its Cherry Creek Well Field, nor permit any activities of CSSA which in the sole opinion of the City adversely affect or threatens to affect the operation of said well field in any manner, including but not limited to, adverse effects to the quality or quantity of water which may be obtained by the City from said Cherry Creek Well Field. CSSA agrees to immediately cease the cause of such interference upon receipt of the notice by the City. CSSA also understands that it may be necessary in the future for the City to drill either additional or replacement wells as part of its Cherry Creek Well Field, and that these same provisions preventing interference will apply to any additional or replacement wells.

6. Improvements; Utilities; Access.

a. CSSA shall have the right, at its sole expense, to erect, install, replace and maintain on the Premises improvements, personal property, and facilities including appurtenances such as an irrigation system and turf. The Facilities shall remain the exclusive Property of CSSA. CSSA may also install signage to identify the property and to discourage unpermitted access to the property. CSSA will comply with all City requirements regarding signage and will submit the signage to Aurora Water for approval.

b. CSSA shall have the right to install natural gas, electrical, and telephone utilities at CSSA's expense, and to improve the present utilities on the Premises.

CSSA shall have the right to place utilities on (or bring across) the Property described in Exhibit A in order to service the Premises and the Facilities. City shall issue a license agreement evidencing this right upon CSSA's request at no charge to CSSA or utility agency, provided the location of such utilities does not unreasonably interfere with City's use of its Property. City agrees to waive its normal processing fee for such license agreements.

c. CSSA shall comply with all federal, state, and municipal ordinances, and rules and regulations for the construction and use of the Premises.

d. CSSA may, with City approval, install access control devices such as gates, at City owned entrances, provided that the City approves the location and design of devices and is permitted access to the facilities at all times. CSSA will submit designs for gates and signage for approval. These facilities will remain the permanent property of the City.

7. Maintenance.

- a. CSSA shall maintain the Premises, and the Facilities on the Premises in good condition during the term of this License.

8. Termination. Except as otherwise provided herein, this License may be terminated, without any penalty or further liability upon one hundred eighty (180) days' written notice as follows:

- a. By either party upon the default of any covenant or term hereof by the other party which default is not cured within sixty (60) days of receipt of notice of default (without, however, limiting any other rights available to the parties at law, in equity, or pursuant to any other provisions hereof);
- b. By CSSA if the Premises are or become unacceptable under the CSSA design or engineering specifications for its Facilities or the system to which the Facilities belong.
- c. By City if:
1. The Premises are required for a public use, including but not limited to, additional or replacement well sites for the Cherry Creek Well Field;
 2. The private use interferes with the City's ability to provide police or fire protection services or utility services to its citizens or any other appropriate public use of such Property as specified in Paragraph 5 herein; or
 3. CSSA is in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules or regulations.
 4. In the sole opinion of the City, CSSA adversely affects, interferes with, or threatens to adversely affect City's usage of the Property associated with this Cherry Creek Well Field in any manner, including the degradation of the quality or quantity of water produced from said well field.
 5. Upon termination of the License, the Licensee shall have ten (10) business days to remove its personal property from the City's property. In the event Licensee does not remove said installation within the time allowed, the City may remove said installation at Licensee's expense without liability to Licensee.

9. Taxes. CSSA shall pay any personal property taxes assessed on, or any portion of such taxes attributable to the Facilities. City shall pay when due all real property taxes and all fees and assessments attributable to the Premises, if any. However, CSSA shall pay, as additional Annual

Payment, any increase in real property tax levied against the Premises which is directly attributable to CSSA's use of the Premises, and City agrees to further furnish proof of such increase to CSSA.

10. Insurance. CSSA will provide Comprehensive General Liability Insurance Policy with minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit for each occurrence and name the City as an additional insured on the policy or policies. A copy of the insurance policy showing the City as a named insurer will be provided annually with the Annual Payment. CSSA may satisfy this requirement by obtaining appropriate endorsement to any umbrella policy of liability insurance CSSA may maintain.

CSSA shall maintain worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Worker's Compensation Act, as amended, by the State of Colorado.

11. Destruction of Premises. If the Premises or the Facilities are destroyed or substantially damaged as in CSSA's reasonable judgment to hinder the effective use of the Facilities, CSSA may elect to terminate this License as of the date of the damage or destruction by so notifying City not more than forty-five (45) days following the date of damage. In such event, all rights and obligations of the parties shall cease as of the date of the damage and destruction, and CSSA shall be entitled to reimbursement of any Rent pre-paid by CSSA.

12. Condemnation. If a condemning authority takes all the Property or a portion sufficient in CSSA's determination to render the Premises unsuitable for use which CSSA was then making of Premises, this License shall terminate as of the date the title vests in the condemning authority. Parties shall be entitled to a share in the condemnation proceeds in proportion to the value of their respective interest in the Premises (which for CSSA shall include where applicable, the value of the Facilities and pre-paid Rent) to the extent not otherwise refunded to CSSA. Sale of all or part of the Premises to a purchaser with the power of eminent domain in the face of the exercise of power, shall be treated as a taking by condemnation.

13. Hold Harmless. Licensee shall indemnify and save harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents, against any and all claims, damages, actions or causes of action and expense to which it, or they, may be subjected by reason of Licensee's use of the premises. No term or condition of this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as a waiver, either expressed or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits or protection provided to the City under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act (including, without limitation, any amendments to such statute, or under any similar statute which is subsequently enacted). The parties hereto understand and agree that liability for claims for injuries to persons or property arising out of the negligence of the City of Aurora, its officials and employees, is controlled and limited by the provisions of 24-10-101, et seq., Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended

14. Notices. All notices, requests, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing, and shall be deemed given if personally delivered or mailed certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following addresses:

If to City: City of Aurora
 Attention: Director of Aurora Water

15151 E. Alameda Parkway, Suite 3600
Aurora, CO 80012

Copy to: City Attorney
15151 East Alameda Parkway Suite 5300
Aurora, Colorado 80012

If to CSSA: Colorado Storm Soccer Association
7002 South Revere Parkway #60
Centennial, Colorado 80012
David Dir, President

15. Assignment. CSSA may not assign or sublet this License.

16. Work at the Property.

a. The Parties agree and acknowledge that, from time to time, it will be necessary for the City or its assignees to enter onto the Premises for the purpose of performing Work on its public utilities. For purposes of this Section 16, such "Work" shall include, without limitation servicing, constructing, modifying, extending or otherwise maintaining the infrastructure necessary for its public utilities, including its water supply.

b. CSSA agrees to provide full access to its Facilities to the City for this Work, and the City agrees to coordinate and schedule this work with CSSA at reasonable times in light of the activities at the Facilities.

c. In performing the Work, the City will return the soil at the Facilities to the same grade and compaction as existed prior to its Work. The City will not be responsible for the costs of any resodding or reseeding of the Facilities.

d. Upon the City's request, CSSA will provide the City with the location of its underground systems, including its irrigation and electrical systems ("Systems"). The City will use reasonable care not to disturb or damage the Systems. However, in the event the City damages or disturbs any part of CSSA's Systems, and it has exercised reasonable care in its Work, then CSSA shall be solely responsible for replacement and repair of its Systems.

e. In the event that the City's Work requires modification, reconstruction, or permanent or temporary removal of CSSA's Systems, then the costs of such activities shall be born exclusively by CSSA.

17. Water Supply. CSSA will utilize its best efforts to assure that its turf maintenance program does not pollute, contaminate, or interfere with the quality of the water supply owned and used by the City. For purposes of this subparagraph, CSSA's turf maintenance program shall include all of CSSA's operations to maintain the grass at the complex, including, without limitation, its seeding, watering, fertilizing, pest control, weed control, aerating and mowing. For purposes of this subparagraph, best efforts shall include the following: (1) adoption of a turf maintenance

program developed in consultation with and approved by the City, (2) use of best management practices for maintaining the turf at the Complex to include testing soils prior to fertilizer application and applying only required amounts, irrigating at agronomic rates so as not to leach fertilizers from soils to the groundwater, and treating for weed control or pest control locally in the area of the problem without widespread applications.

18. Miscellaneous.

- a. This License constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties and supersedes all offers, negotiations, and other agreements. There are no representations or understandings of any kind not set forth herein. Any amendments to this License must be in writing and executed by both parties.
- b. This License shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado.
- c. If any term in this License is found to be void or invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining terms of this License, which shall continue in force and effect.
- d. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, CSSA shall at no time block or otherwise interfere with City's access to its facility.
- e. During the term of this License, CSSA shall maintain the Premises free of weeds and clear from all trash and debris.
- f. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, this License shall be subject to City's ordinances and regulations, including zoning and permitting.
- g. CSSA agrees to restore and replace any existing landscape features disrupted by installation of the Facilities.
- h. Upon termination of the License by either party or upon expiration, CSSA agrees to remove all improvements requested by City. In addition, CSSA shall have the right to remove all improvements it has made to the Premises, including without limitation, grass and sprinkler systems.
- i. CSSA agrees to cooperate with City to coordinate landscaping and exterior finishing of all Facilities with the architecture and exterior finish of existing facilities.
- j. Approval of this License does not in any way obligate City to approve site plans, building permits, or other matters pertaining to development, improvement, or use of the Property.
- k. City reserves the right to require joint access to abutting properties or developments at any time during the term of this License.
- l. The Parties acknowledge that the use of a portion of the Premises may be necessary to facilitate the development of abutting property. CSSA agrees that its use of the Premises shall not prevent

such development. Upon consent by CSSA, City may use a portion of the Premises to facilitate the development of abutting properties. Said consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. This License is specifically subject to the terms and conditions of the annexation agreement recorded in Book 4746, Pages 721-742, and any subsequent addendum.


m. Notwithstanding the Annexation Agreement mentioned above, this Agreement replaces any all previous Agreements between the parties regarding this Property.

CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO,
ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS
UTILITY ENTERPRISE


Marshall P. Brown, Director

8/29/16
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR AURORA:

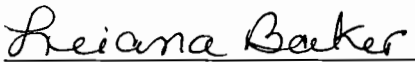

Christine McKenney
Senior Assistant City Attorney

8-23-16
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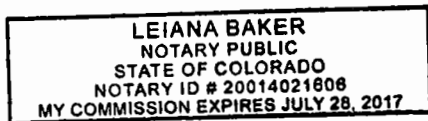
STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss
COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29 day of August, 2016, by Marshall P. Brown, Director, acting on behalf of the Utility Enterprise of the City of Aurora, Colorado.

Witness my hand and official seal. 
Notary Public

My commission expires: 7-28-17

(SEAL)



Colorado Storm Soccer Association
a Colorado non-profit organization

DAVID DIR

Print Name

[Signature]

Signature

8-18-16

Date

Approved as to form for Colorado Storm Soccer Association:

Print Name

Signature

Date

STATE OF COLORADO)

) ss

COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 18 day of August, 2016,
by David Dir, President, acting on behalf of the Colorado Storm Soccer
Association.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires: Dec 12, 2018

(SEAL)

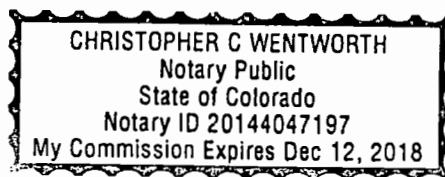


EXHIBIT A

1. Irrigation System
2. Turf
3. Access Control with City Approval
4. Signage with City Approval
5. Soccer Field Equipment

ORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT)
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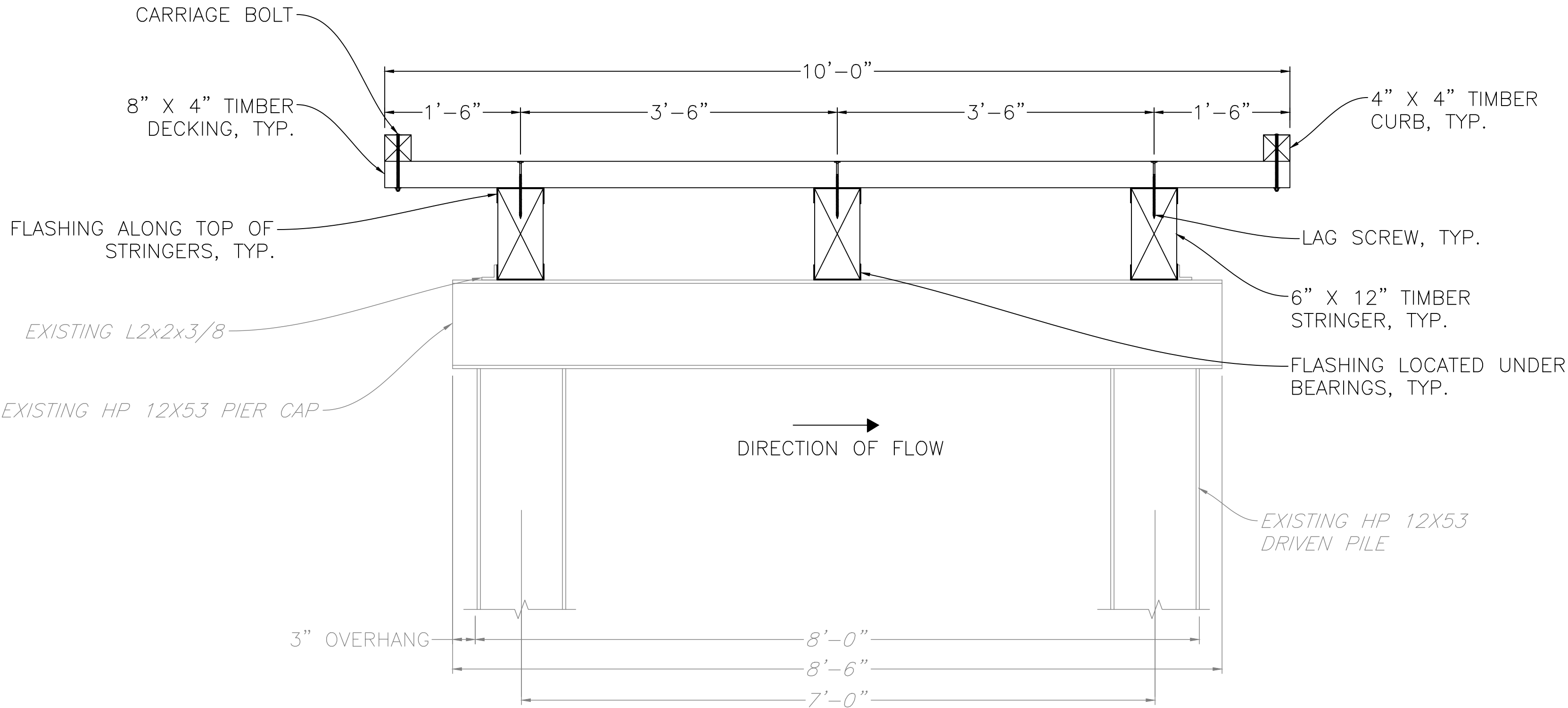
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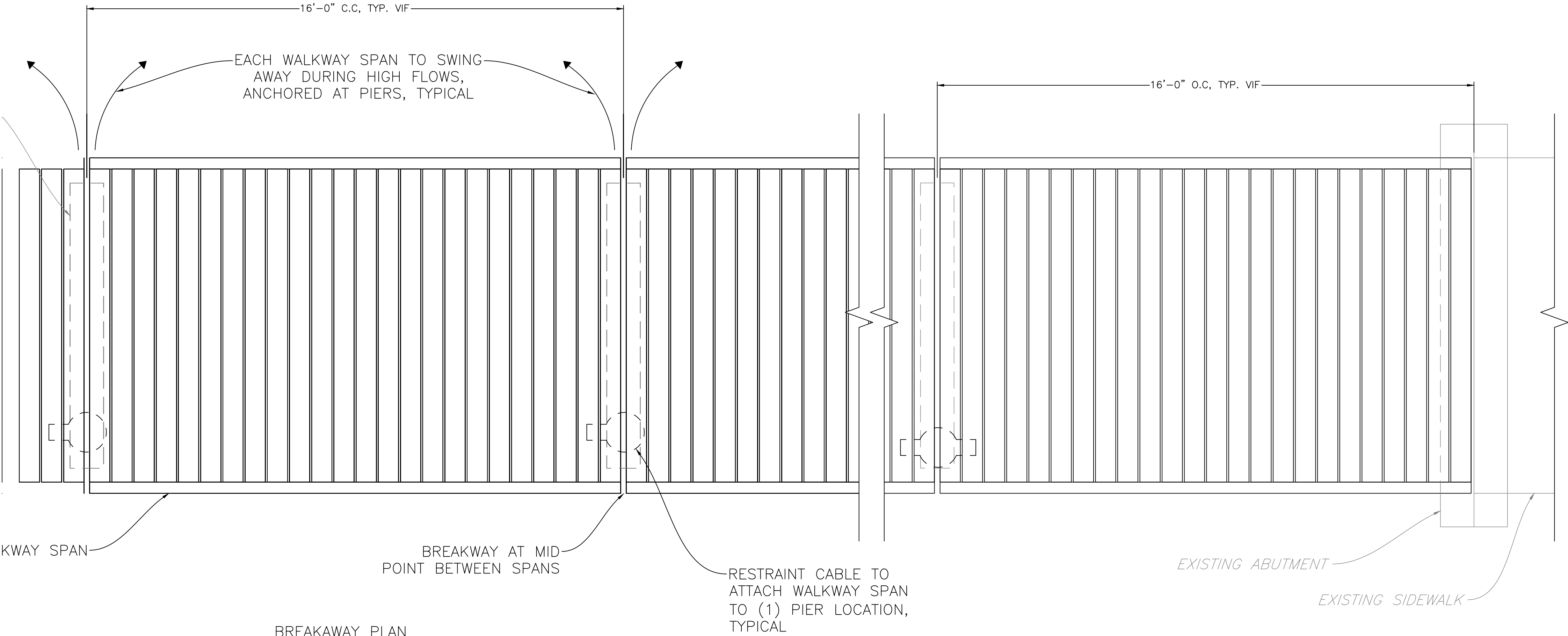
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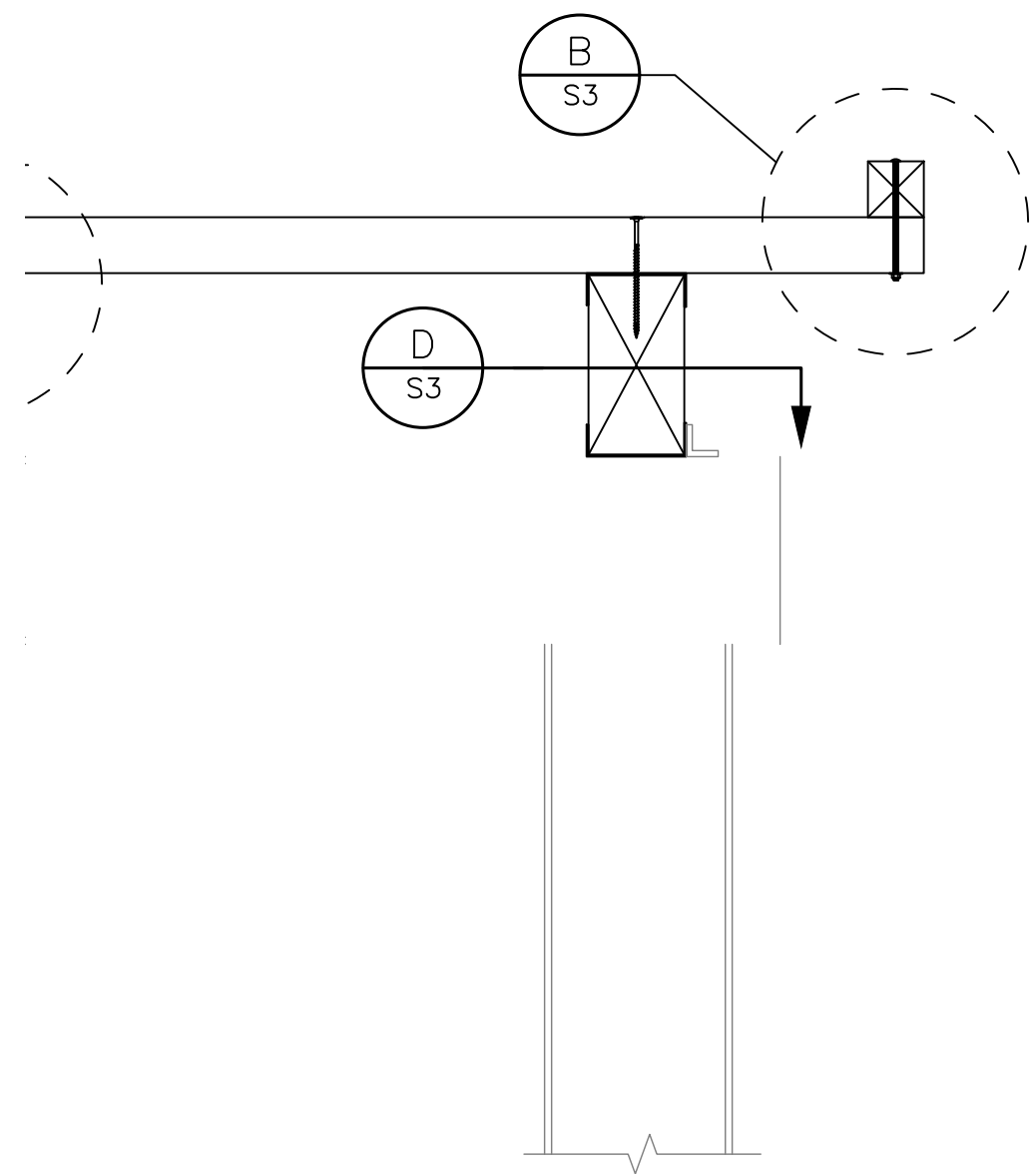


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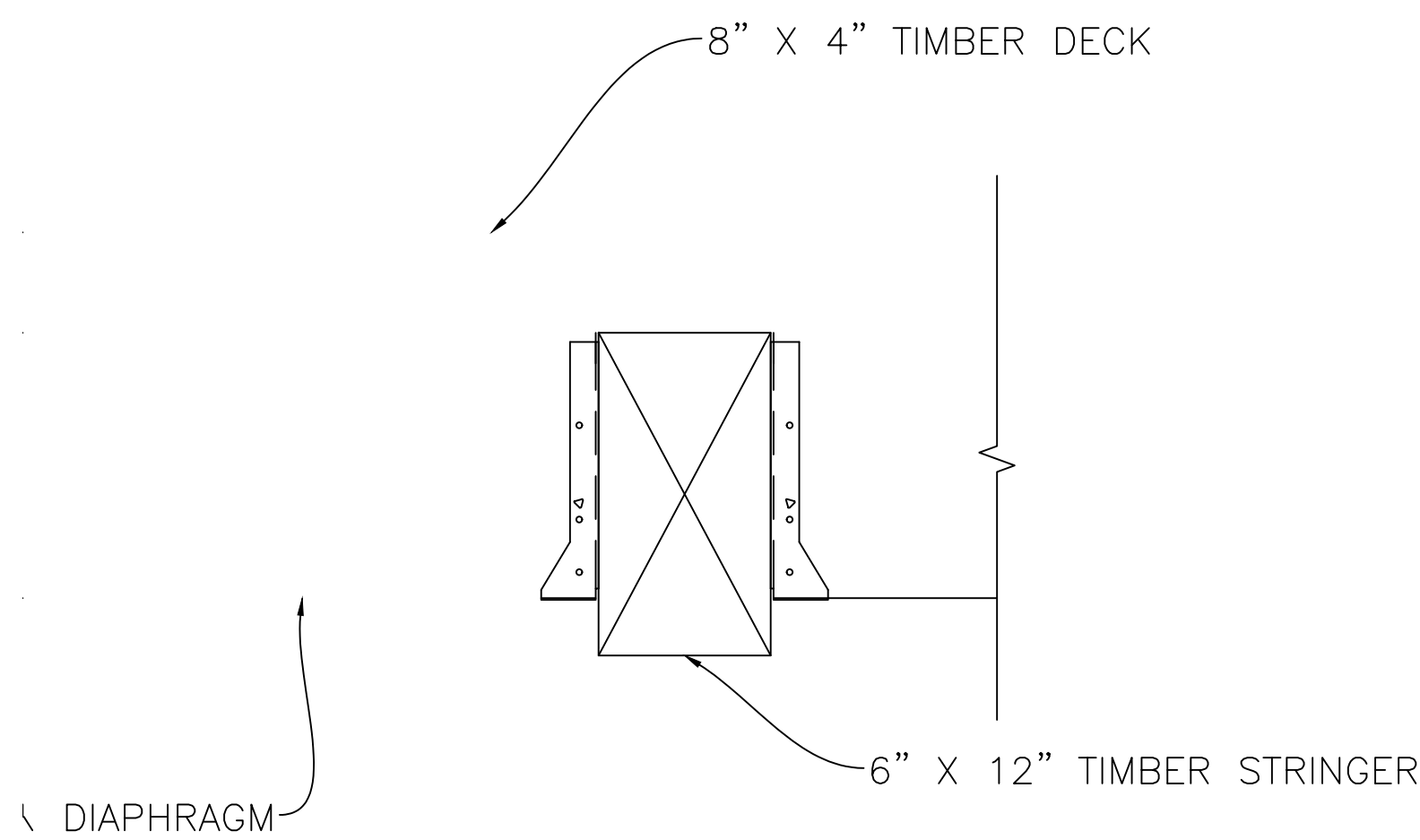
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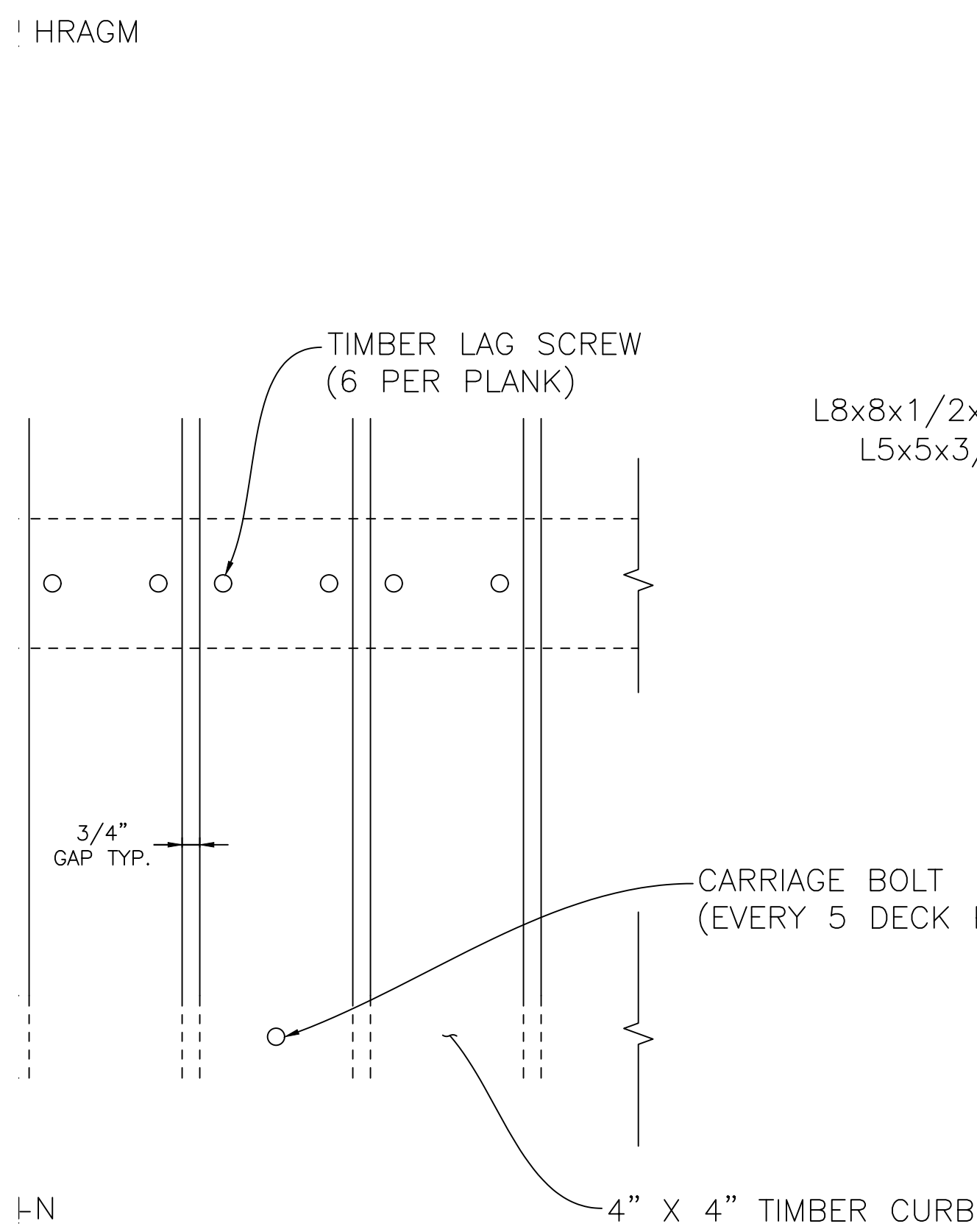
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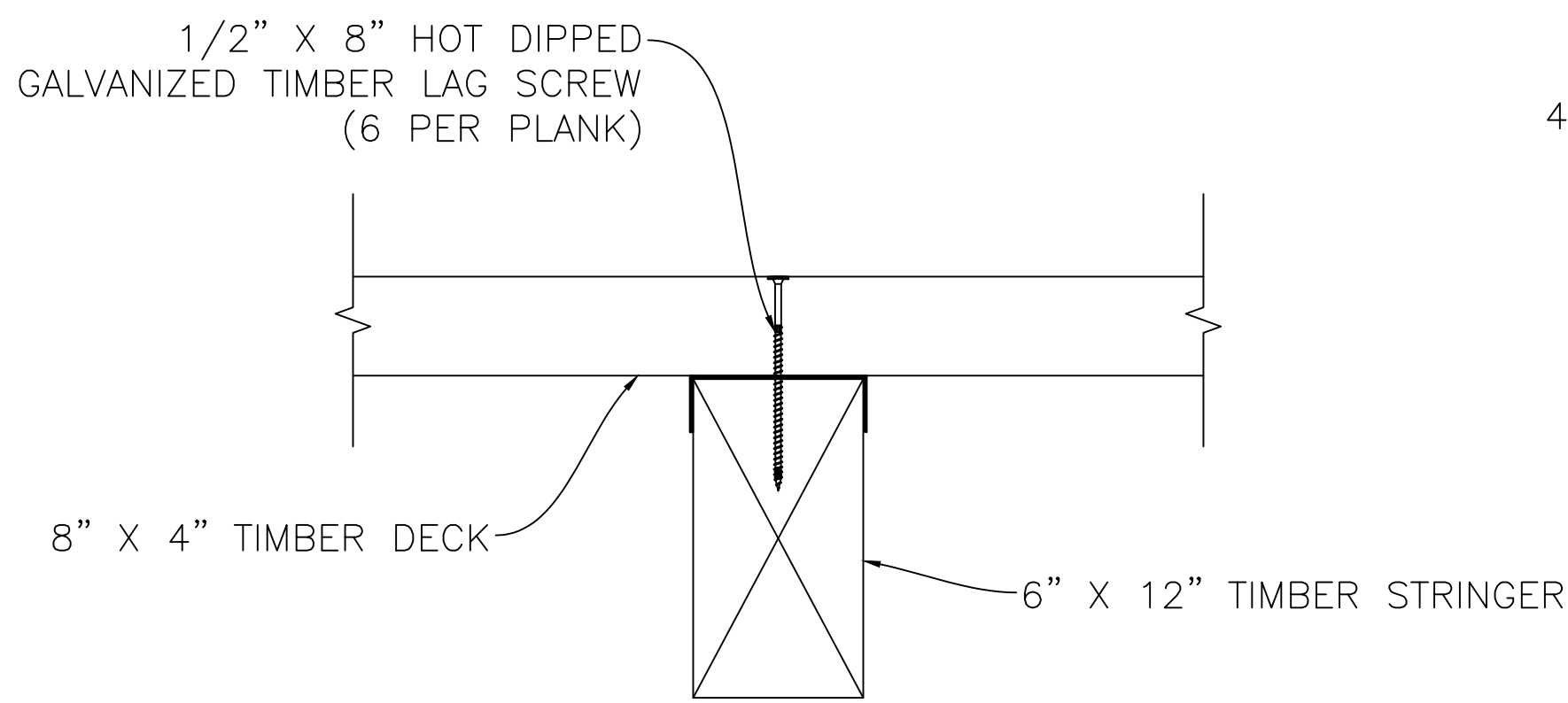
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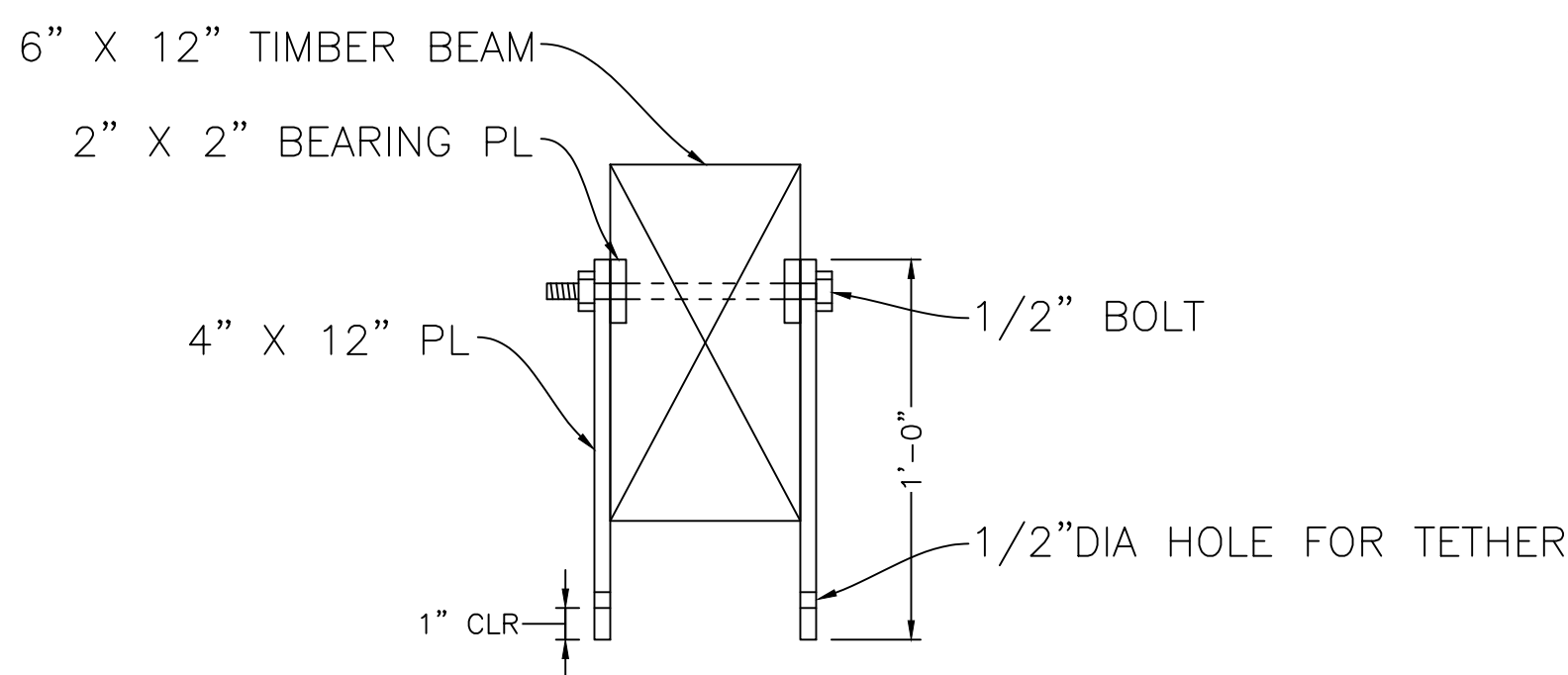
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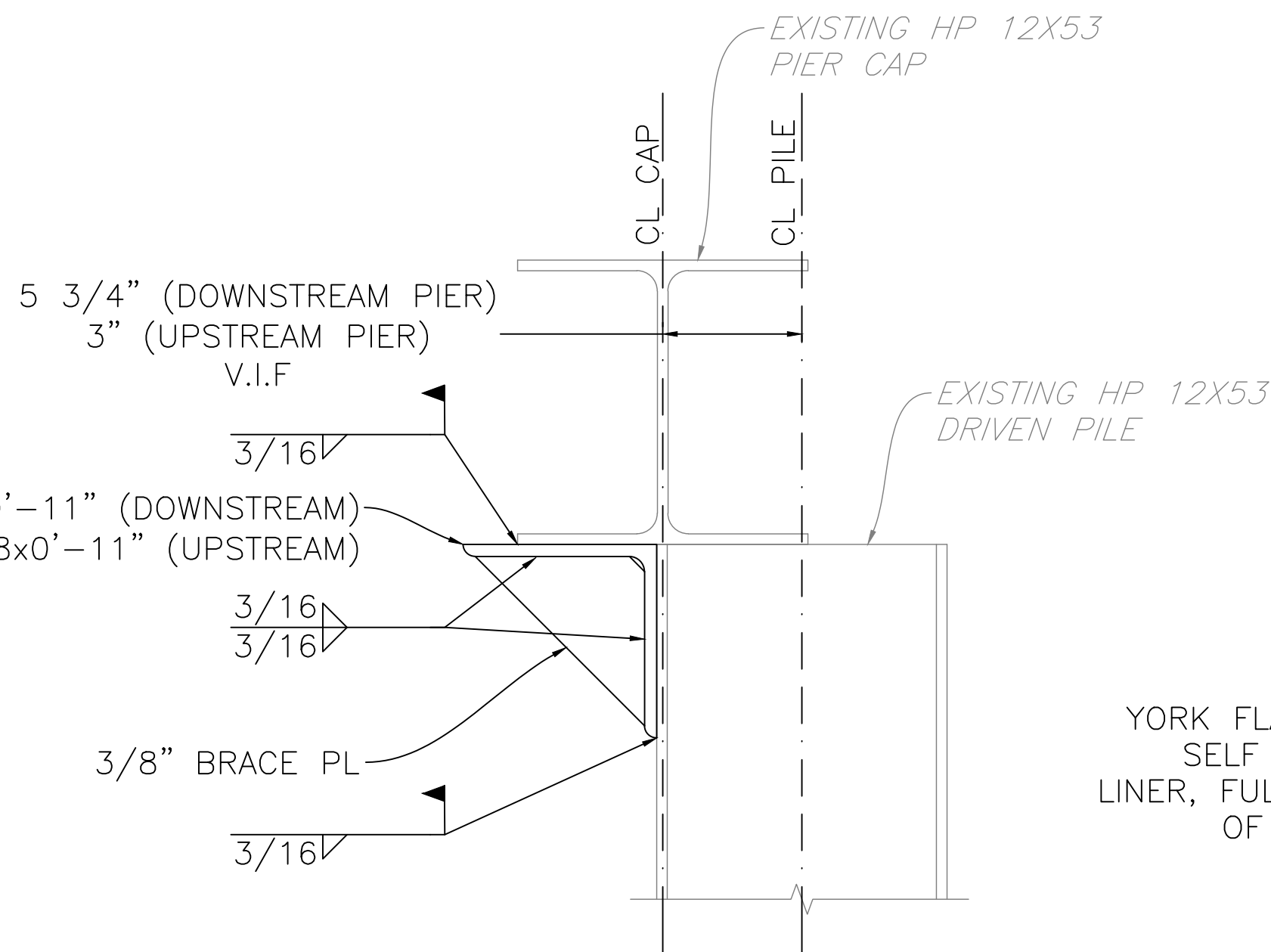
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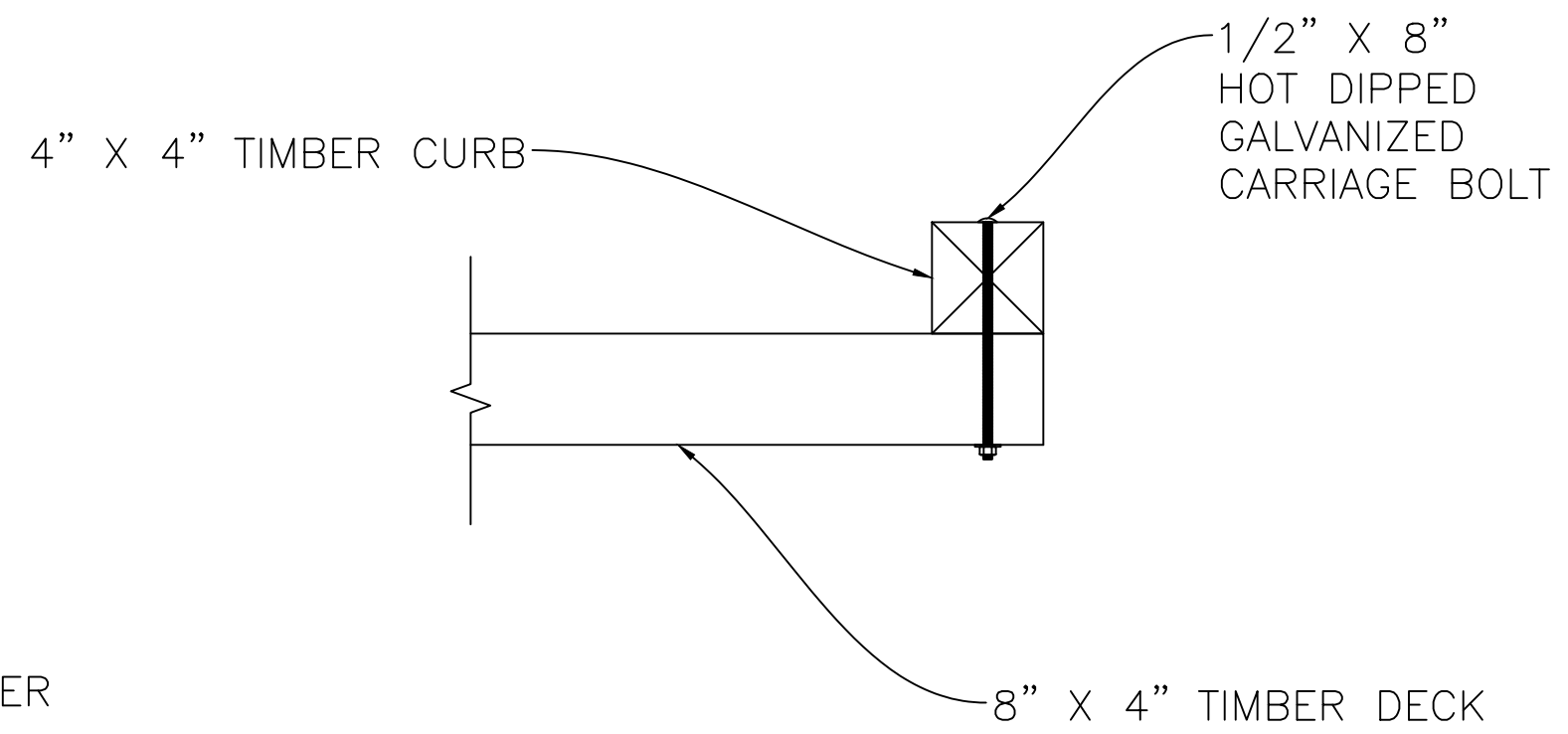
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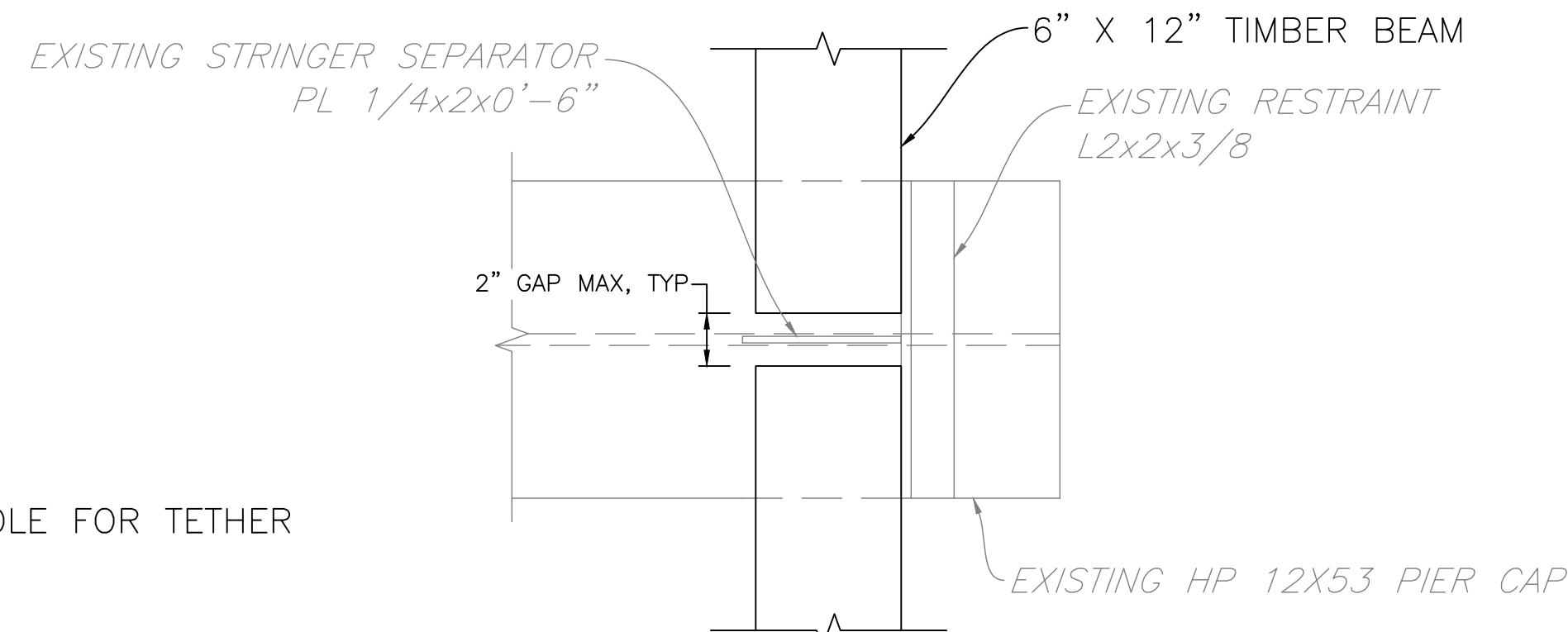
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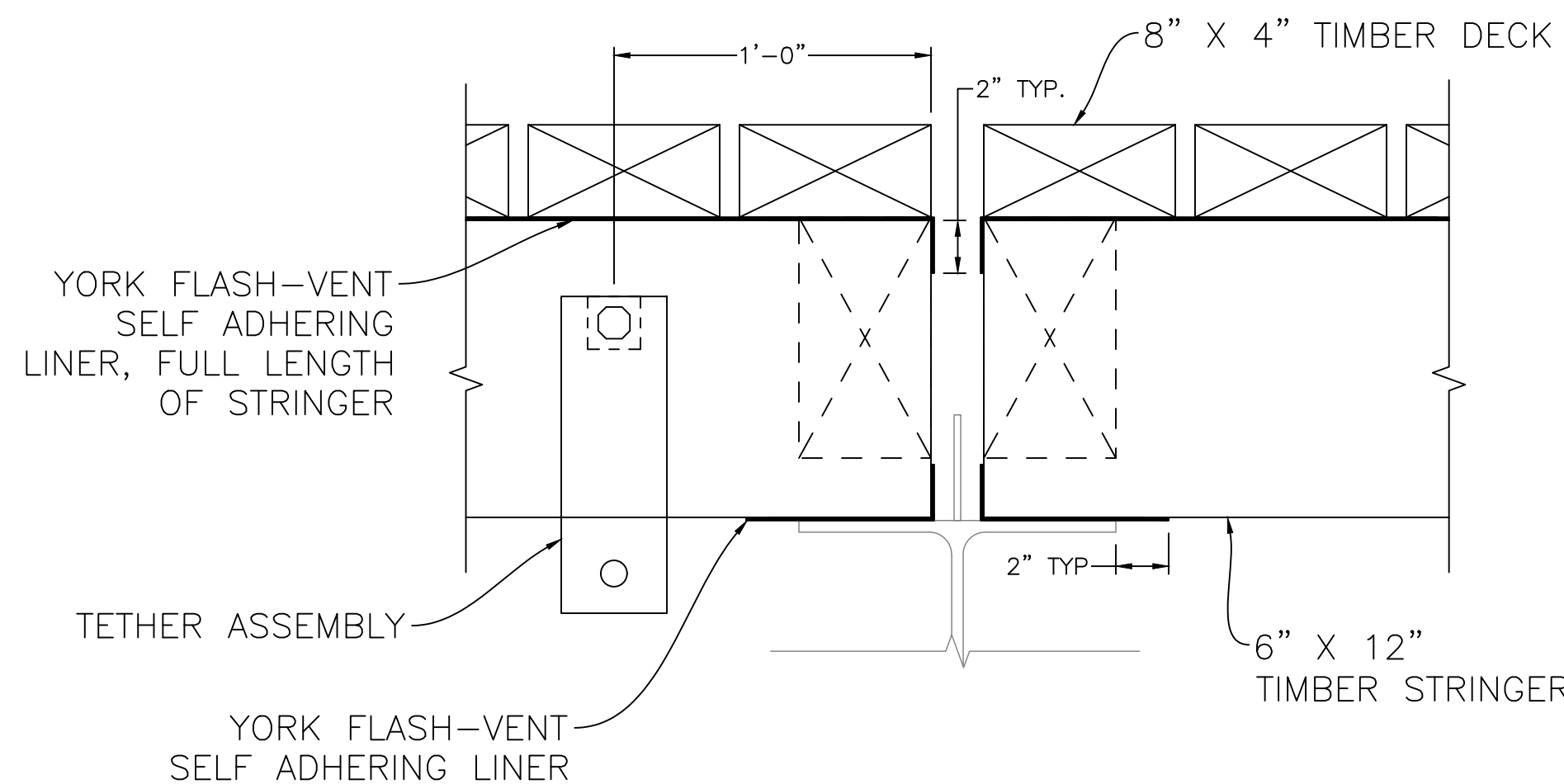


B CARRIAGE BOLT



D BEAM RESTRAINT

NOTE: LOCATION OF SEPARATOR PLATES AND RESTRAINT ANGLES ARE RELATIVE TO PIER CAP CENTERLINES. VARIED FOR MOST PIER CAPS, CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY LOCATIONS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF SUPERSTRUCTURE



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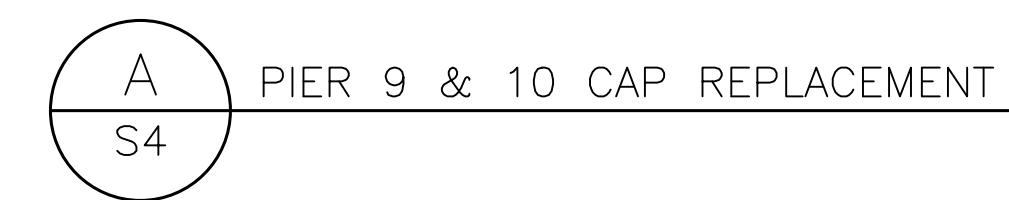
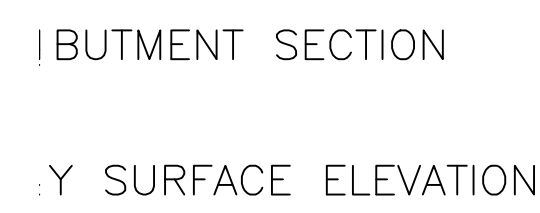
CHERRY CREEK SOCCER ASSOCIATION

No.	Issue / Revision	Date	Name

Job Number	Project Manager	Design By	Drawn By	Principal In Charge

Sheet Number:

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Wilderness Construction Co.

Est. 1977

2600 E. 74th Ave.

Denver, Colorado 80229

Phone 303-286-9200 Fax 303-286-9400

January 16, 2025

Desmond Vickers
South Regional Manager
Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club
111 N. Havana, Ste 120
Aurora, CO 80010

RE: Bridge Construction

The following is our price on the above referenced project per drawings dated July 16, 2024, by Martin / Martin Consulting Engineers

Construct new bridge

Material	116,080.00
Labor	127,513.00
Equipment	4,500.00

Total Cost Estimate	\$248,093.00
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WILDERNESS CONSTRUCTION CO

Thomas M. Ochs
President

cb

Note: Owner to remove growth at bridge location. 6" x 12" timber not readily available, cost could increase at time of order.

Excludes: permit, overtime



CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO

Floodplain Development Permit Application

Application is hereby made for a FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT as required by Chapter 70 of Aurora's City Code, as adopted January 11, 2014, for development in an identified flood hazard area. The undersigned agrees all activities shall be completed in accordance with the requirements of the aforementioned Chapter 70. The development to be performed is described below and in attachments hereto. The applicant understands and agrees:

- this permit is issued on the conditions and facts described;
- any permit may be repealed if conditions or facts change;
- permit will remain valid for one year from date of issuance;
- elevation certification form for any proposed structures must be finished and returned prior to certificate of occupancy issue.

Owner's Name: <u>Desmond Vickers</u> <u>Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club</u>	Owner's Name: _____
Address: <u>111 N. Havana, Suite 120</u>	Address: _____
City/State: <u>Aurora, CO 80010</u>	City/State: _____
Phone: <u>719-377-4050</u>	Phone: _____
Email: <u>desmond.vickers@rapidsyouthsoccer.org</u>	Email: _____

NOTE: In addition to completion of this form the applicant agrees to submit any additional information required by the Floodplain Administrator in order to determine the proposed development is compliant with the local, state and federal flood damage prevention criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Additional information may include but is not limited to: site specific plans to scale showing the nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the project area and/or structure(s) in question and hydrological and hydraulic calculations verifying no impact to the existing conditions. This includes existing and proposed contours of all grading activities. This can be satisfied with City approved civil plans and associated drainage studies. See City Code Section 70-22 for additional requirements.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

- Location of the proposed development site – address: 15099 East Freemont Drive, Aurora, CO 80016
Legal description: E 1/2 Of The Ne 1/4 Of Sec 30-5-66 Ex That Part Desc As Beg 60 Ft S Of The Ne Cor Of Sd Ne 1/4 Th S 537.85 Ft Th W 315 Ft Th N 537.85 Ft To A Pt On The S Row Line Of E Arapahoe Rd Th E 315 Ft To Beg & Ex That Part Desc As Beg 400 Ft W & 75 Ft S Of Sd Ne Cor Th S 50 Ft Th E 57.4 Ft Th N 65 Ft Th Sw 59.3 Ft To Beg & Ex Roads Sec 30-5-66
- Type of development proposed: (Please mark the area(s) which best describes the type of activity proposed)

NEW BUILDING		EXISTING STRUCTURE		SITE WORK	
Residential		Alteration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Filling/Grading	
Nonresidential		Vertical Addition		Mining/Dredging	
Manufactured Home		Horizontal Addition		Watercourse Alteration*	
Installation*		Accessory*		Other*	
		Materials Storage*		COA's Engr. Des. No.	None

*Describe activity: Cherry Creek - Gates South Field Bridge Replacement

- If the proposed construction is an alteration, addition, or improvement to an existing structure:
Cost of proposed construction: \$ N/A What is the estimated market value of the existing structure: \$ N/A

NOTE: An existing structure must comply with the flood protection standards if it is substantially improved (an improvement equal to or greater than 50% of the market value of the structure). FEMA maintains the "substantial improvement" definition applies to existing structures only and once a structure meets the definition of "new construction" any further improvements to that structure must meet "new construction" requirements. For floodplain management purposes "new construction" means structures for which "start of construction" began on or after the effective date of the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map issued by FEMA for the City of Aurora (June 1, 1978).

- Does the proposed development involve a subdivision or other development containing at least 50 lots or 5 acres?
Yes: _____ No: ☒

NOTE: If yes, base flood elevation data is required from the applicant if it has not been provided by FEMA.

I AGREE ALL STATEMENTS IN AND ATTACHMENTS TO THIS APPLICATION ARE A TRUE DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING PROPERTY AND THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY. I UNDERSTAND THE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA ACTIVITIES PER THE APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION AND AGREE TO ABIDE THERETO. I UNDERSTAND IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PERMITS.

Date: 7/16/2024

Applicant's Signature

Ryan Byrne, Martin/Martin, Inc.

ADMINISTRATION

NOTE: The following shall be completed by the local floodplain administrator. All references to elevations are to NAVD 1988. The term base flood means the same as the 100-year elevation.

5. Effective Base Flood Elevation (100-year) at proposed site 5656.4 feet NAVD 1988.
Data Source: LOMR Case Number 21-08-1146P
Map Effective Date: February 23, 2022
FEMA Community Panel Number: 0800020483L
Proposed Base Flood Elevation at proposed site 5656.4 feet NAVD 1988.
6. Does the structure contain:
N/A basement;
N/A crawl space;
N/A enclosed area used only for parking access or storage, other than a basement, below the lowest floor level?
7. Is the proposed development located in:
X an identified floodway;
_____ a flood hazard area where the base flood elevations exist with no identified floodway;
_____ an area within the floodplain fringe;
_____ an approximate flood hazard area (Zone A)? If yes, complete only 8a in the following question.

NOTE: Floodway development must demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, performed in accordance with standard engineering practice, there is no increase in the base flood elevation during the occurrence of the base flood discharge. If base flood elevations existing with no floodway delineation, hydrologic and hydraulic analysis is required to demonstrate not more than six-inches accumulative increase at any point to the water surface elevation during a base flood event.

8.a. Does the proposed development meet NFIP and City Code requirements:

- N/A Construction materials and methods resistant to flood damage (non-residential construction)?
YES Anchored properly?
N/A Utilities safe from flooding?
YES Project designed to minimize flood damage?

8.b. Does the proposed development meet NFIP and City Code requirements:

- YES Encroachments – proposed action will not obstruct flood waters.
N/A Proposed site grade elevation of fill or topographic alteration. Top of fill or elevation to be at _____ feet NAVD 1988.
N/A Proposed lowest floor elevation (including basement or crawl space) to be at N/A feet NAVD 1988.
N/A Proposed floodproofed elevation to be at N/A feet NAVD 1988.

NOTE: All new and substantially improved residential structures must be built with the lowest floor, including basement or crawl space, elevated to an elevation of two-feet or more above the base flood elevation (100-year), unless a variance has been granted. Nonresidential structures must be built with the lowest floor, including basement or crawl space, elevated or floodproofed to an elevation of one-foot or more above the base flood elevation (100-year), unless a variance has been granted.

9. For structures located in approximate Zone A (no BFE available) the structure's lowest floor is N/A feet above the highest grade adjacent to the structure.

10. Application Fee: N/A Date Paid: N/A

11. The proposed development is in compliance with the City Code X Yes _____ No.

PERMIT ISSUED ON: 7/19/2024

PERMIT NUMBER 2024-014

12. PERMIT DENIED: _____

13. EXEMPTION: _____

This permit allows for the replacement of the Gates South Field low-water pedestrian crossing bridge located along Cherry Creek with a hydraulically equivalent structure, as detailed on the accompanying bridge and no-rise certification by Martin/Martin Consulting Engineers.

Date: 7/19/2024

Administrator's Signature: Craig Paul



2023 BRIDGE COLLAPSE
2024 BRIDGE ANALYSIS
2025 BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

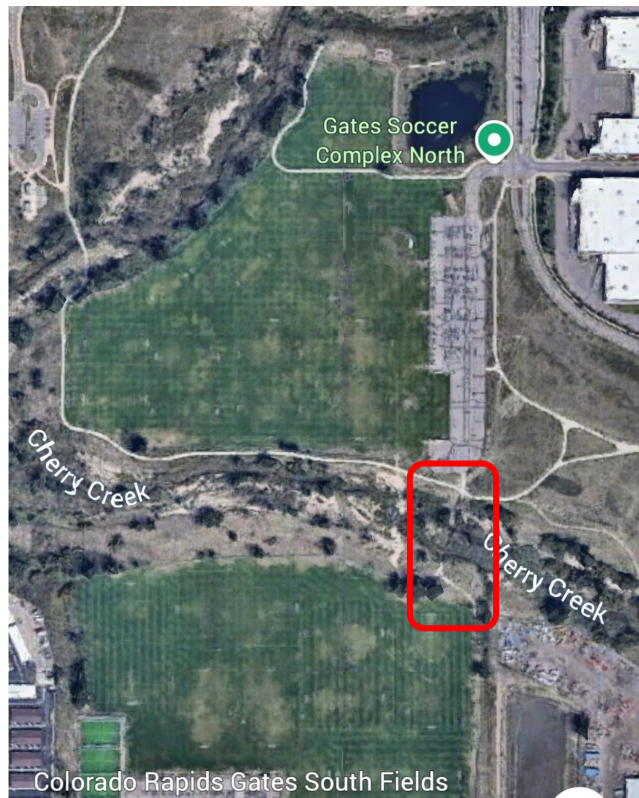
The map illustrates the Dove Valley Trails Initiative, highlighting current and proposed trails, bridges, and park areas. Key features include:

- Legend:**
 - TRAIL PROJECTS:**
 - PROJECTS COMPLETED (Solid green line)
 - CURRENT PROJECT (Dashed green line)
 - POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECT (Dotted green line)
 - EXISTING VS. MISSING TRAILS:**
 - EXISTING TRAIL (Solid green line)
 - MISSING TRAIL (Dashed green line)
 - UNDEVELOPED TRAIL (Dotted green line)
 - UNDEVELOPED TRAIL (Dotted green line)
 - METRO DISTRICT, CITY & COUNTY LIMITS:**
 - DOVE VALLEY DISTRICT (Hatched pattern)
 - CITY OF CENTENNIAL (Hatched pattern)
 - CITY OF CENTENNIAL (Hatched pattern)
 - PARK AND OPEN SPACE (Green pattern)
- Key Locations and Features:**
 - Parks and Open Space:** Dove Valley Regional Park, Cherry Creek State Park, and various smaller parks like Cherry Creek State Park and Cherry Creek State Park.
 - Trails:** Current trails include the Cherry Creek Trail, Dove Valley Trail, and Cherry Creek Trail. Proposed trails include the Cherry Creek Trail, Dove Valley Trail, and Cherry Creek Trail.
 - Bridges:** The map shows several bridges, including the Cherry Creek Bridge, Dove Valley Bridge, and Cherry Creek Bridge.
 - Other Features:** The map also shows various landmarks such as the Denver Botanic Garden, the University of Colorado Denver, and the Cherry Creek State Park.

GATES NORTH AND SOUTH **BRIDGE USE**

- Gates North and South serve 4,000 members and opponents for practices, games, and tournaments annually
- A popular spot for walkers, runners, and bikers, with 20,000+ annual users (soccer and non-soccer) crossing the bridge
- Manufactured boulders currently in place for those capable
- Challenges include:
 - Accessibility for strollers and individuals needing assistance
 - Navigation for field staff and maintenance
 - Emergency vehicle access during crises

GATES NORTH AND SOUTH BRIDGE USE



GATES NORTH AND SOUTH BRIDGE USE



2023 RAINFALL AND BRIDGE COLLAPSE

May 2023:

- Denver experienced 5.49 inches of rain, making it the fourth rainiest May on record
- The intense rainfall caused widespread regional damage, with some areas severely affected
- On May 13, 2023, Gates North and South saw significant damage when the 200+ ft bridge connecting them was washed away
- The destruction has disrupted access, making travel between the two areas challenging for families and visitors

2023 RAINFALL AND BRIDGE COLLAPSE



2024 ANALYSIS AND COST PROJECTIONS

January 2024:

- Met with 3 consulting engineering firms to replace the pedestrian bridge at Gates
- Selected Martin/Martin Consulting Engineers for \$33,950 (paid by Rapids Youth)
- Handled coordination with municipalities
- Permit obtained
- Previous bridge full breakaway, new bridge breakaway sections

August 2024:

- Reviewed full construction proposals from 3 companies:
 - Wilderness Construction Co: \$240,000
 - Palace Construction: \$274,000
 - TC2 Construction Company: \$271,000

Next Steps: Considering updated bids due to potential material cost changes

2025 TIMELINE AND SUPPORT NEEDED

Role of Gates Soccer Complex:

- Hub for local programming and Colorado Soccer Association team events across Colorado
- Hosts Colorado Soccer Association leagues, advanced league games, Front Range league games, President's Cup, and State Cup games
- Hosts Rapids Youth Soccer interbranch games and events
- Hosts local and university camp programming every summer
- Key tournaments:
 - Rapids Classic (650+ teams | 10,000+ people in 2024)
 - Rock Cup (400+ teams | 8,000+ people in 2024)

2025 TIMELINE AND SUPPORT NEEDED



- Rebuilding this bridge re-establish a crucial pedestrian crossing over Cherry Creek
- It would allow the planned extension of Dove Valley's recently completed Fremont Avenue Trail to connect with the Cherry Creek Regional Trail
- It will also allow a valuable new trail connection that will benefit trail users throughout the broader community

2025 TIMELINE AND SUPPORT NEEDED

Significance of the Bridge:

- Integral for seamless access between Gates North and South
- Limited parking at Gates North; families directed to park at Gates South and walk across
- Mall complex restricts parking with increased towing policies
- Man-made rock formations are used for those able-bodied
- Supports transport of equipment, supplies, trainers, referees via golf cart
- Provides safe access for elderly and those unable to cross rocks

Previous Bridge Failures:

- Previously when the bridge has broken away, we were able to get sections reset (Paid by Colorado Soccer Association)
- This is the first time since it's construction 30+ years ago, it needs to be replaced

2025 TIMELINE AND SUPPORT NEEDED

Challenges:

- Hiring shuttle services for tournaments and events has become a costly, unexpected expense
- Continued attempts to cross the creek without the bridge pose fall and injury risks
- The cost is beyond feasible for our nonprofit organization

2025 TIMELINE AND SUPPORT NEEDED

Bridge Updated Design and Maintenance:

- Previously a full breakaway bridge
- New design, sections breakaway - Rapids Youth can manage resetting sections if future breakaway happens
- Bridge only needs maintenance if failure happens - Rapids Youth already manages the growth around the bridge

Community Support:

- Parker Jordan Metro District generously contributed \$120,000
- Colorado Soccer Association contributed \$10,000
- Dove Valley's In-Kind contribution

2025 TIMELINE AND SUPPORT NEEDED

Grant Request:

- The total for the project is \$293,793
- We are requesting \$135,000 grant from Arapahoe County Open Space to offset some of the cost of rebuilding the bridge.
- Goal to complete the bridge by Fall 2025 season, after two years without a bridge our membership and community are eager to replace it

Questions?





DIRECTOR REPORT

Date: April 28, 2025

To: Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB)

From: Gini Pingnot, Open Spaces Director

Subject: **Updates: Previous OSTAB Recommendations**

On June 17, 2024, OSTAB, in its advisory capacity, recommended the following items to move forward for the Board of County Commissioners' consideration. This report is intended to update OSTAB members on the status of those items to date.

Deferred Maintenance: Transfer Request Authorized Under Resolution No. 21-263

Arapahoe County's Resolution No. 21-263 outlines the available uses of the County's 0.25% Sales and Use Tax for open space, park and trail purposes and how unspent fund balances may be reallocated to other allowable uses based on recommendations from OSTAB.

Based on this voter-approved flexibility, OSTAB recommended reallocating \$3 million in unspent Administration funds to address deferred maintenance needs on heritage properties and the High Line Canal. Specifically, the approved projects were: (1) Fairgrounds Repaving; (2) Fairgrounds HVAC Replacement; and (3) the High Line Canal Enhanced Trail.

Project	Description	Amount	Status
Fairgrounds Repaving	Repair, replace, and overlay of asphalt roads and parking lots at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Event Center	Up to \$500,000	Complete
Fairgrounds HVAC Replacement	Design, demolition of existing HVAC systems, and installation of the new HVAC systems	Up to \$1.5m	Ongoing. Designs are still under review with consultants and Facilities Dept.
High Line Canal Enhanced Trail	Design and possibly some construction costs for 1.17 miles in Holly Hills and 3.02 miles in the Four Square Mile Neighborhood	Up to \$1m	Livable Cities, the entity developing the trail design, has completed its design to the 30% level. Assuming progress remains on track, the county hopes to have a complete design for this portion of the trail by the end of 2025. At this time, the department believes the construction costs will amount to roughly \$7 million.

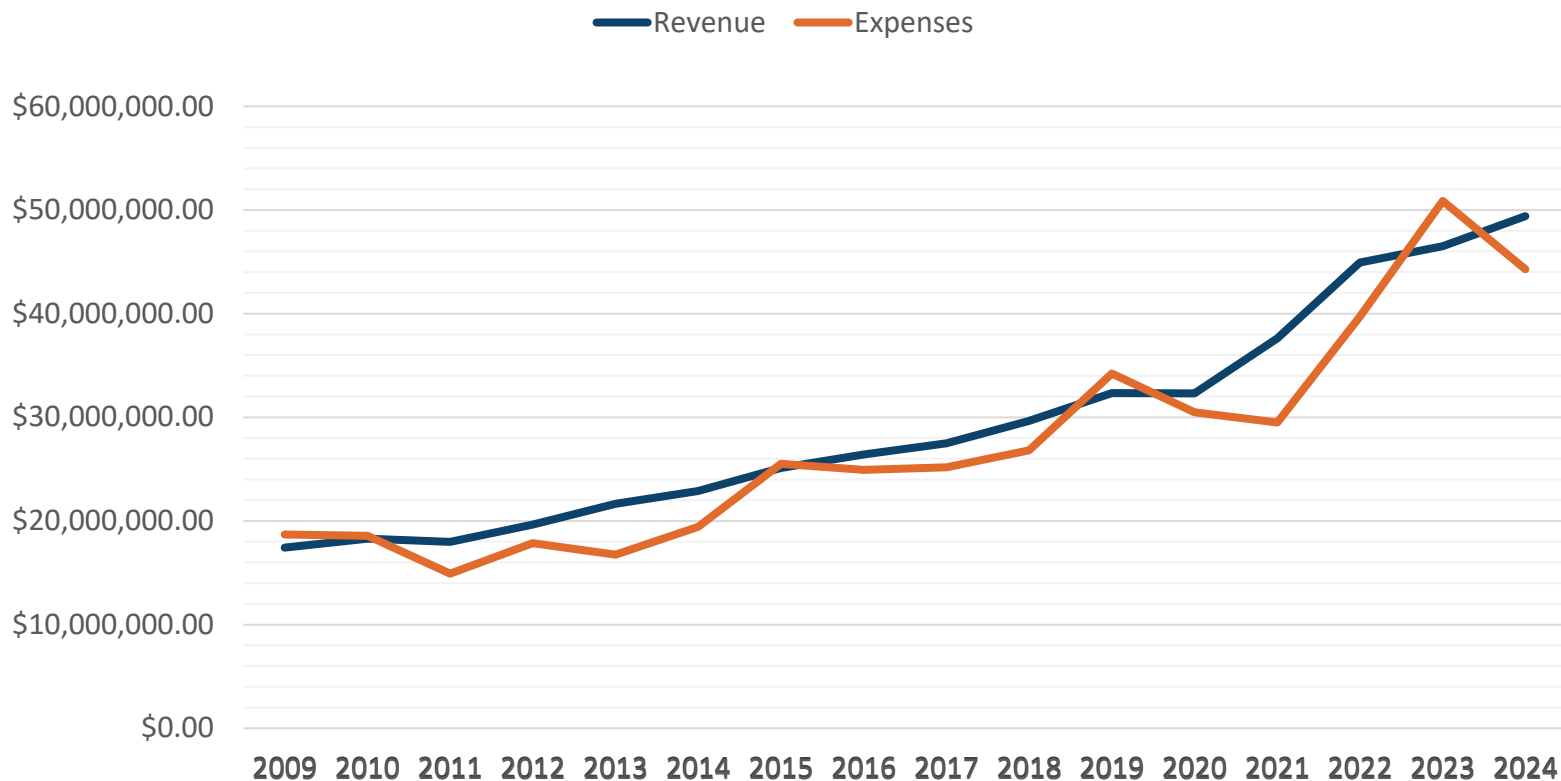
Open Spaces Department: 2025 Budget Overview

APRIL OSTAB MEETING

Open Spaces Funding Sources

- **Open Spaces Sales & Use Tax Fund (OSTAB)**
- Conservation Trust Fund
- Cash In Lieu Fund
- Recreation District Fund
- General Fund

Fund 28 – Open Space Sales & Use Tax Growth



Fund 28 – Open Space Sales & Use Tax Fund Cash Flow Summary

Year	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenses	Net Change
2019	\$42,861,688	\$32,342,384	\$34,214,276	- \$1,871,892
2020	\$40,989,796	\$32,293,955	\$30,477,674	\$1,816,281
2021	\$42,806,077	\$37,616,628	\$29,487,999	\$8,128,630
2022	\$50,934,707	\$44,927,095	\$39,707,031	\$5,220,064
2023	\$56,154,770	\$46,502,950	\$50,872,146	-\$4,369,196
2024	\$51,785,574	\$49,404,876	\$44,296,202	\$5,108,675

Fund 28 Budget

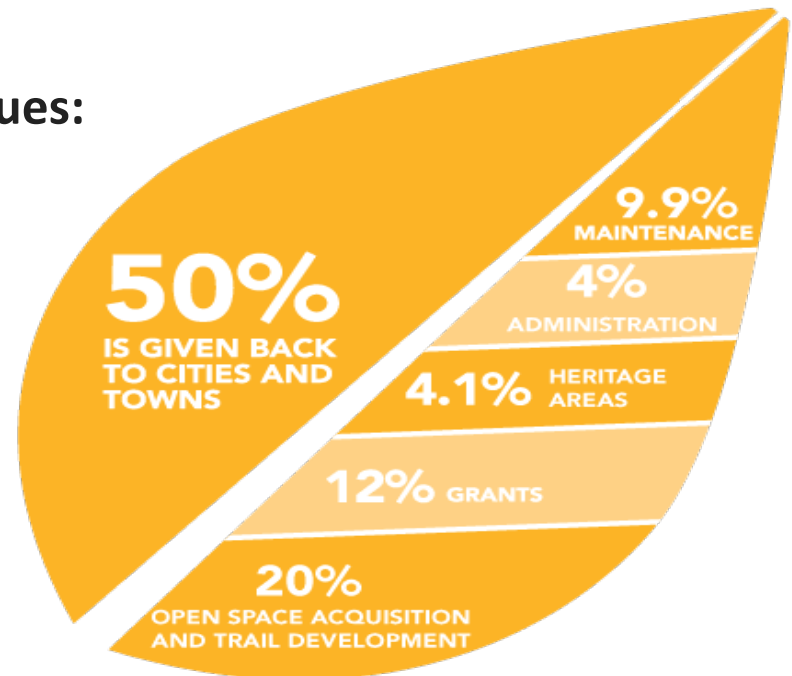
Open Space Sales & Use Tax Revenue

• Shareback	\$ 22,466,448
• Acquisition & Trail Dev.	\$ 8,986,579
• Grants	\$ 5,391,948
• Maintenance	\$ 4,448,357
• Heritage Areas	\$ 1,842,249
• Administration	\$ 1,797,316

Total 2025 Budgeted Sales and Use Tax Revenues:

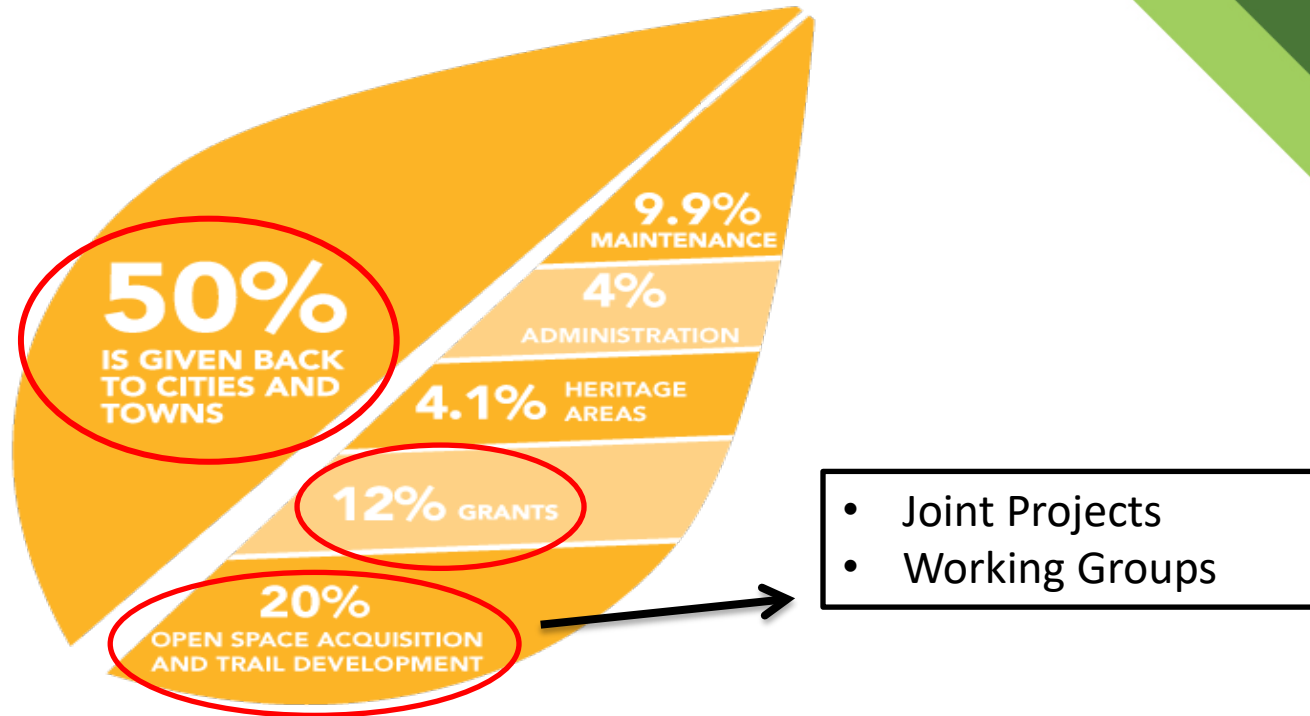
\$44,932,896*

*Same as 2024



Amounts to Partner Local Governments

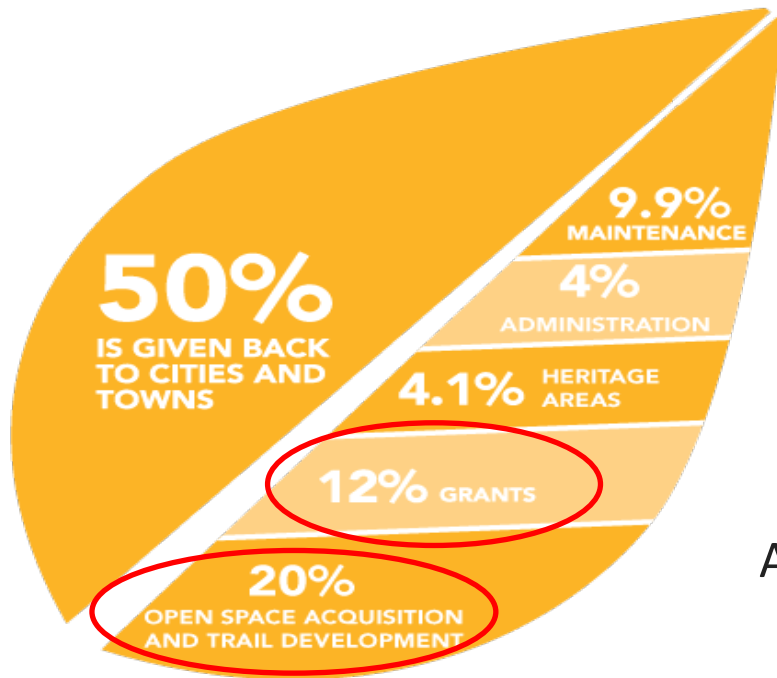
- Automatic 62% between Shareback and Grants



- Between 62% and 75% when factoring in partner projects from the Acquisition and Development dedicated monies.
- This leaves 25%-38% for the county to invest and maintain in our assets in unincorporated areas. (Or, \$17m-\$11m annually for unincorporated needs)

OSTAB's Advisory Focus Area:

Pursuant to Reso. No. 21-263, OSTAB reviews and advises on all projects within the Grants & Acquisition and Development Areas.



2025 Budgeted Revenue

Grants - \$5,391,948

Acquisition & Development - \$ 8,986,579

- Total of **\$14,378,527** (or **32%** of 2025's Budgeted Revenue)

Open Spaces Sales & Use Tax - Category Balances

Category	2025 Net Beg. Fund Balance
Shareback	\$74,639
Acquisition & Trail Dev.	\$21,957,980
Grants	\$3,670,871
Maintenance	\$8,398,279
Heritage Areas	\$4,229,122
Administration	\$1,435,160
Total	\$39,766,051

Other Open Spaces Funding Sources - Balance

	Fund 10 General/ CSU Ext Office	Fund 13 Cash-In-Lieu	Fund 17 Conservation Trust	Fund 43 Recreation District
2025 Beginning Fund Balance	\$130,279	\$848,358	\$3,227,878	\$3,605,852
2025 Budgeted Revenue	\$60,000	N/A	\$850,000	\$1,653,214
2025 Budgeted Expenses	\$623,465	N/A	\$559,900*	\$1,464,789

* Fairgrounds Expansion Project Lease Annual Expense

3 Year CIP Projected Spending Summary

Category	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL
Parks & Open Spaces	\$12,527,700	\$7,975,000	\$5,800,000	\$26,302,700
Trails & Trailheads	\$710,000	\$3,700,000	\$5,500,000	\$9,910,000
Fairgrounds	\$4,015,000	\$2,105,000	\$3,700,000	\$9,820,000
17 Mile House	\$1,068,000	\$895,000	\$95,000	\$2,058,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,320,700	\$14,675,000	\$15,095,000	\$48,090,700

THANK YOU



STAFF REPORT

Date: April 28, 2025

To: Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB)

Through: Gini Pingnot, Open Spaces Director

From: Dan Payson, Open Spaces, Parks, and Trails Manager

Subject: **Funding Request: Harvest Trail Construction and Improvements**

Purpose and Action Requested:

The Harvest Trail was constructed in 2020 which included a hard-surface concrete trail, a soft-surface equestrian trail, landscape wall, and a creek crossing. The soft-surface trail was constructed of crusher fine material that borders both sides of the main concrete trail. The trail system is used as a connection for the Toll Gate Crossing Community to the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and it provides access to the High Plains Regional Trail along the E-470 highway. Over the last two years, the crusher fine material has become unstable, erodible, and has compromised the adjacent concrete creating an unstable trail because of the weather events that occurred in 2023 and 2024. The Open Space, Parks, and Trails Manager, along with an Arapahoe County Public Works Engineer, will present a joint project request for \$300,000 to assist in the funding of the Harvest Trail construction and improvement project. The Acquisition and Development fund will represent 45% of the total cost of the project. The total cost of the project is expected to be \$656,000.

Background and Discussion:

The Harvest Trail was built in 2020 and connects the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds open space to Gun Club Road. The Harvest Trail is a 10-foot wide concrete trail, with 4-foot wide crusher fine equestrian trails on the both side of the concrete trail. The Harvest Trail also serves as a connection for the Toll Gate Crossing community.

Currently, the trail structure is being undermined because of the torrential rains that occurred in 2023. Arapahoe County received over sixteen inches (16") of rain in over a seven-week period in the spring and summer of 2023. These rain events eroded and washed away a majority of the soft surface trail material that makes up the equestrian trail. The soft surface trail impacts have made the trail unsustainable and very difficult to maintain. After the slightest rain events, the crusher fine trail will wash away, making the trail unusable, or washing the trail into the native

grasslands surrounding the trail. Significant drainage and site improvements are needed to create a sustainable soft surface trail.

Given the weather events that have taken place, Arapahoe County Open Spaces and Arapahoe County Public Works engineers have worked collaboratively to determine the best course of action to repair and improve the trail system and make it sustainable for users and maintenance operations. Arapahoe County Public Works has solicited engineering designs through J&R Engineering to address the trail structure and to improve the drainage coming from the surrounding area which will allow the trail to be sustainable in the future. The scope of work will be completed in two stages to ensure the trail is safe to use by residents and to create a sustainable trail that can handle future weather events.

1st Scope:

- Remove the existing crusher fines
- Install concrete drain pans, concrete pipes, and rip rap to help facilitate drainage to proper areas
- Install turf reinforcement mats

2nd Scope:

- Construct swales by moving existing land
- Revegetation of the site
- Install erosion control blankets and silt fencing

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that OSTAB forward for BoCC consideration the Acquisition and Development funding request of \$300,000 to support the construction and improvements to the Harvest Trail.

Suggested Motion:

I move that OSTAB recommend to the BOCC approval of the Acquisition and Development funding request of \$300,000 to support the construction and improvement to the Harvest Trail.

Alternatives:

Approve, modify, or deny the funding request.

Fiscal Impact:

The Open Space Acquisition and Development fund can support the \$300,000 funding request. The fund balance is sufficient to sustainably support this project request.

Attachments:

Presentation



ARAPAHOE COUNTY
OPEN SPACES

OSTAB Funding Recommendation Harvest Trail Construction & Improvements

April 28, 2025

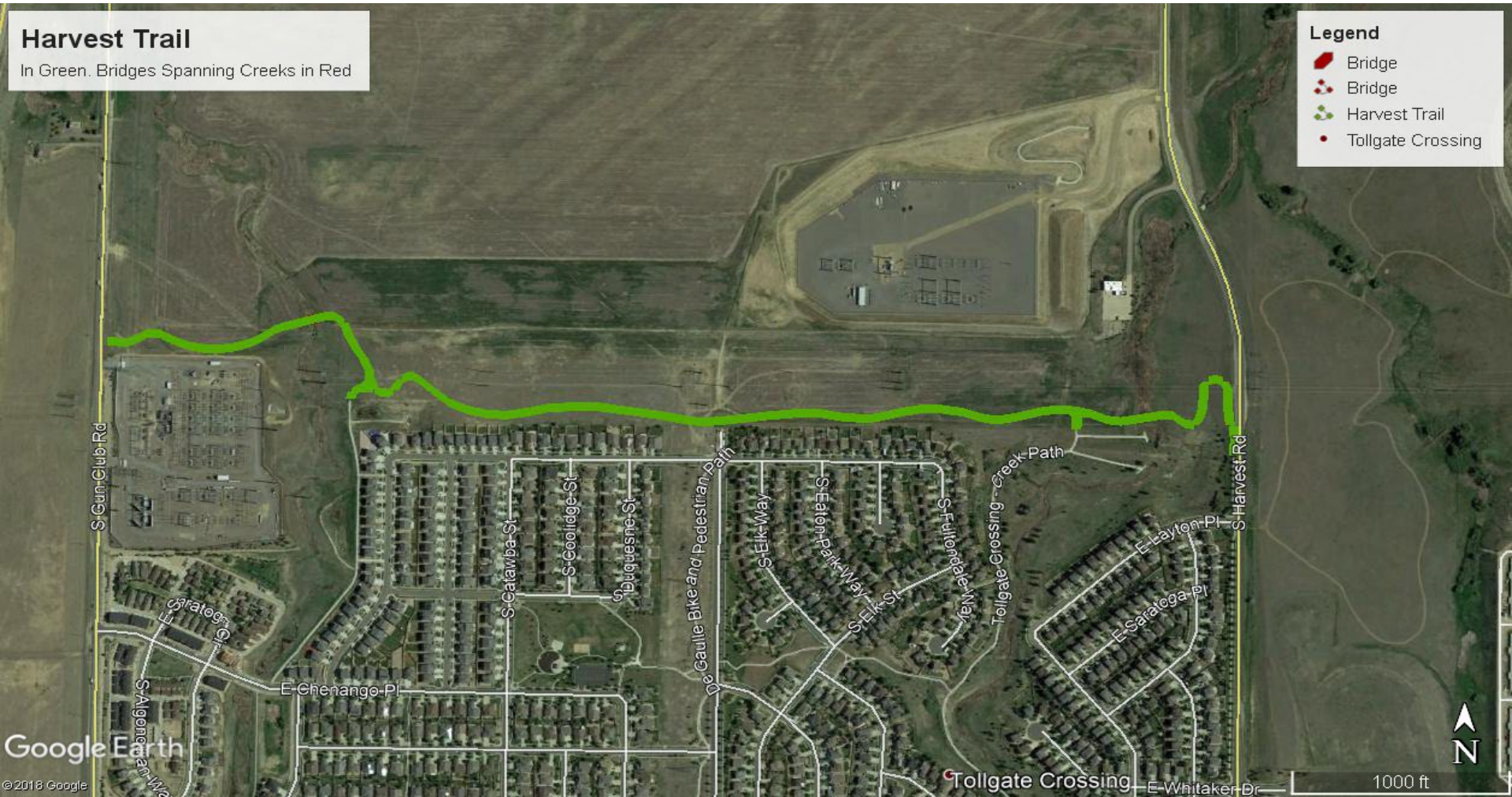
Harvest Trail Site Plan



Legend

- Bridge
- Bridge
- Harvest Trail
- Tollgate Crossing

Harvest Trail
In Green. Bridges Spanning Creeks in Red



Harvest Trail



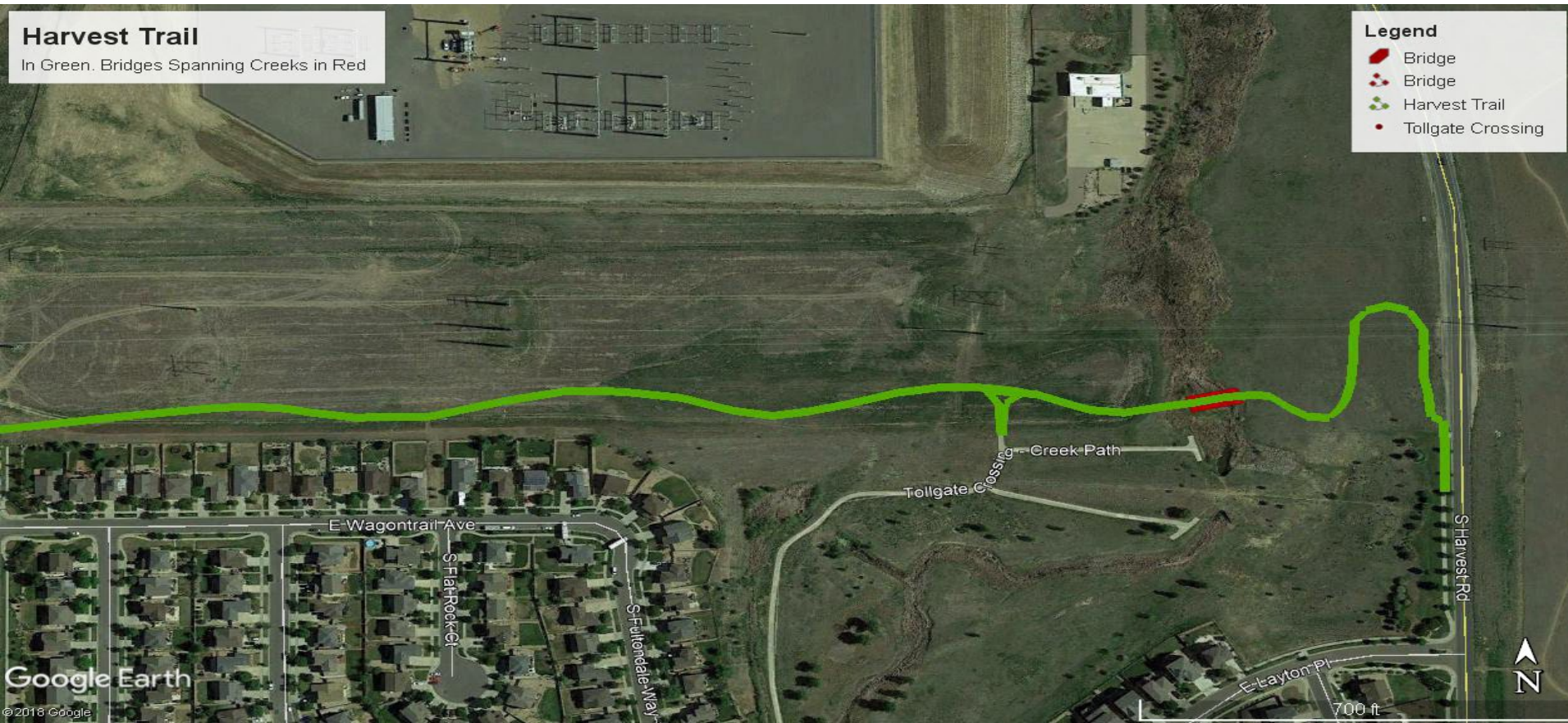
Connection to Arapahoe County Fairgrounds at Gun Club Road

Harvest Trail

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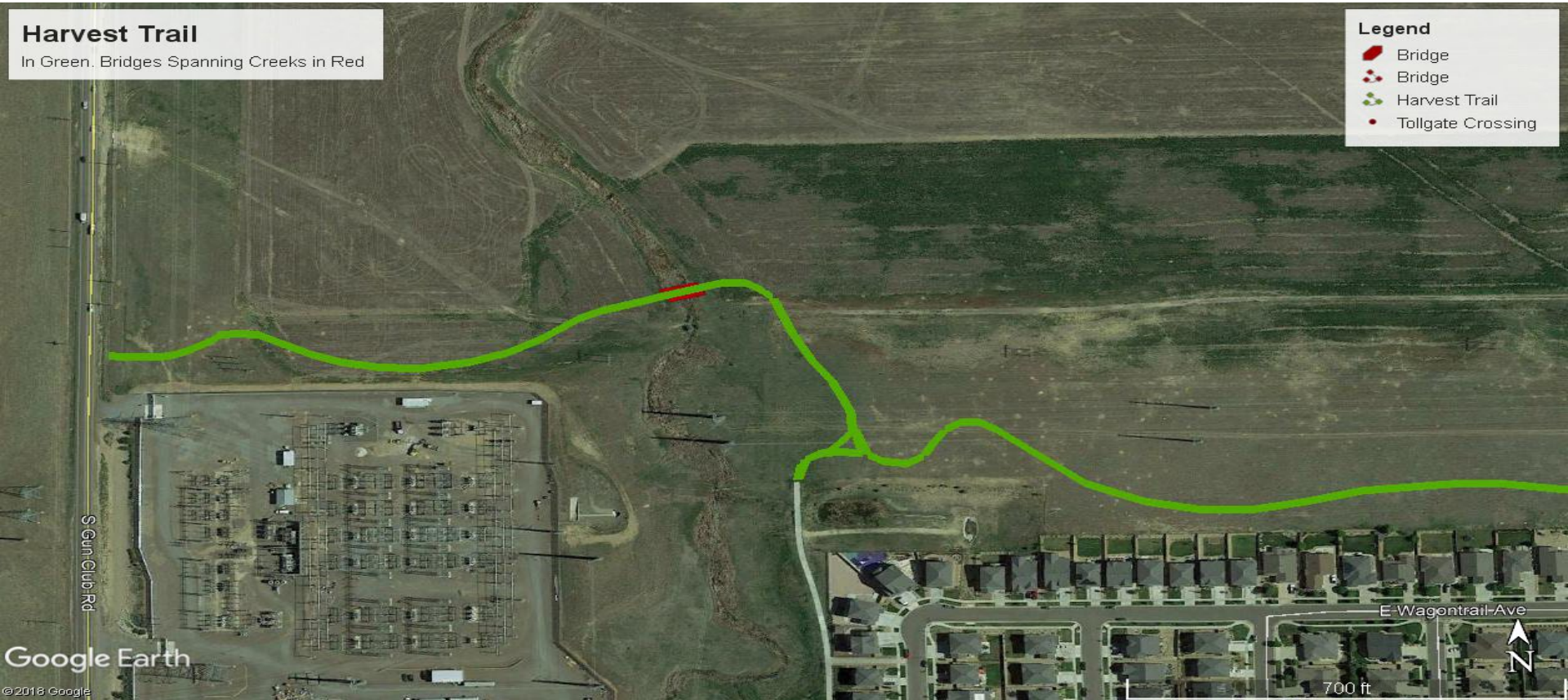
Connection to Gun Club Road

Harvest Trail

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Harvest Trail Project Construction & Engineering Improvements

- Construction
 - Soft-surface crusher fine trail
 - Strengthen the footprint around the retaining walls along trail
 - Establish native vegetation along borders of trail
- Engineering Improvements
 - Improve drainage on the trail
 - Expand the ability to direct drainage away from the trail
 - Reinforcement of the soil adjacent to the trail









Harvest Trail Project Funding Approval

- Construction and Improvements: \$655,630
 - Removal and replacement of the existing crusher fines
 - Installation of concrete drain pans, pipes, and rip rap
 - Installation of turf reinforcement mats, geotextiles
 - Construction of drainage swales by modifying existing landforms
 - Revegetation of the project site
 - Adding erosion control blankets and silt fencing to protect native habitats





STAFF REPORT

Date: April 28, 2025

To: Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB)

Through: Gini Pingnot, Open Spaces Director

From: Roger Harvey, Planning Manager

Subject: **Dove Valley Regional Park, Bike Park Signage Project - Funding Recommendation**

Purpose and Action Requested: Staff will present the Dove Valley Regional Bike Park Signage project to obtain a recommendation from OSTAB to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) to approve the allocation to expend \$18,000.00 from the Open Spaces Acquisitions and Development Fund for the fabrication and installation of signage at the bike park.

Background: The west 52 acres of Dove Valley Regional Park (DVRP) were developed in early 1990. In 2014-2015 Open Spaces drafted a Master Plan to investigate park issues and obtain public feedback for improving the park. In addition, 40 acres of vacant land purchased in the early 2000's was included in the Master Plan to construct a new addition to the park. The Master Plan provided a conceptual design for the expansion onto these 40 acres. This Master Plan was presented to OSTAB in Dec. 2015 and adopted by BoCC in 2016. The Master Plan provided for three (3) main goals to improve the regional park: Increase the irrigation system capacity, Reduce Water Use on Existing Park, Increase the Level of Facilities. The Master Plan conceptual design shows full build out of the park. Due to funding constraints the Master Plan was broken into two (2) phases.

Phase I included:

- Over lot grading of entire 40 acres.
- Utilities: new electrical service, lighting, stormwater conveyance and facilities, new water taps and lines and fire hydrant extensions.
- New paved roadway and lighted parking lot for 87 cars.
- Renovated entry plaza.
- New 39,000 square foot irrigation pond with two high output turbine pumps in new pump house; solving the low water pressure issue.
- Three new picnic areas overlooking the irrigation pond; one with a 30' x 30' covered shelter.
- New fenced off-leash dog park 1.4 acres in size with separated small and large dog areas with shade shelters and skill obstacles.
- New outdoor fitness equipment with hillside nature play area for children.

- New hillside exercise step climber with overlook at top.
- New 2.5-acre drop-in turf grass lawn, with sled hill on south side – never reservable, always open for use.
- New multi-age playground.
- New concrete trails
- Converting turf grass to native grass and renovating landscape islands in existing lots.
- New landscaping: trees, shrubs and grasses throughout park.
- New Mt. Bike Wheel Park and Pump Track – separate design for this amenity.

In February 2022, the BoCC approved \$14,100,000.00 for the construction of Phase I of DVRP. In late 2022, Open Spaces hired ECI, Inc. as the construction contractor for phase I of the DVRP expansion project and construction started in early 2023. In October 2024, the grand opening of park renovations and expansion took place.

Discussion and Analysis: Once construction began, it was realized that the bike park would need its own signage. After researching signage at other bike parks around the front range metro area, staff determined that the new sign would have to communicate the bike park rules and regulations, a trail map that shows direction of travel, and best practices for being safe in the park. Staff determined that a two-panel version of the Broncos Trailhead Information Sign would work best and would match signage installed at the dog park next to the bike park. For the opening of the Bike Park in October 2024, temporary signs were installed. Due to the Open Spaces rules and regulations being updated, the decision was made to hold off on the permanent Bike Park sign till the new rules and regulations were finalized, which happened in December 2025. The rough draft Bike Park Sign design is attached.

The total cost of the Dove Valley Regional Park Bike Park Signage Project is estimated to be \$18,000.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends making a formal recommendation to the BoCC to approve the allocation of \$18,000.00 from OS Acquisition and Development Fund for the construction of Dove Valley Regional Park Bike Park Signage Project.

Suggested Motion: I move we recommend to the BOCC approval of funding Dove Valley Regional Park Bike Park Signage Project not to exceed \$18,000.00 from OS Acquisition and Development Fund.

Alternatives: Recommend approval, approval with changes, or denial.

Fiscal Impact: \$18,000.00. The fund balance exceeds the amount requested.

Attachments: Presentation



STAFF REPORT

Date: April 28, 2025

To: Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB)

Through: Gini Pingnot, Open Spaces Director

From: Roger Harvey, Planning Manager

Subject: **Sand Lily Interim Trails Construction - Funding Recommendation**

Purpose and Action Requested: Staff will present the Sand Lily Interim Trails Construction project to obtain a recommendation from OSTAB to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) to approve the allocation to expend \$22,032.00 from the Open Spaces Acquisitions and Development Fund for the construction of a temporary trail and amenities at Sand Lily Park.

Background: In January 2023, Arapahoe County acquired Sand Lily Park from a long-time resident of the County. Sand Lily Park is a 4.5-acre property located in the Four-Square Mile Community. The property is made up of two parcels at the southwest corner of Parker Road and Mexico Drive in unincorporated Arapahoe County: 8880 E. Mexico Dr., Denver, CO 80231, and 1741 S. Parker Rd., Denver, CO 80231.

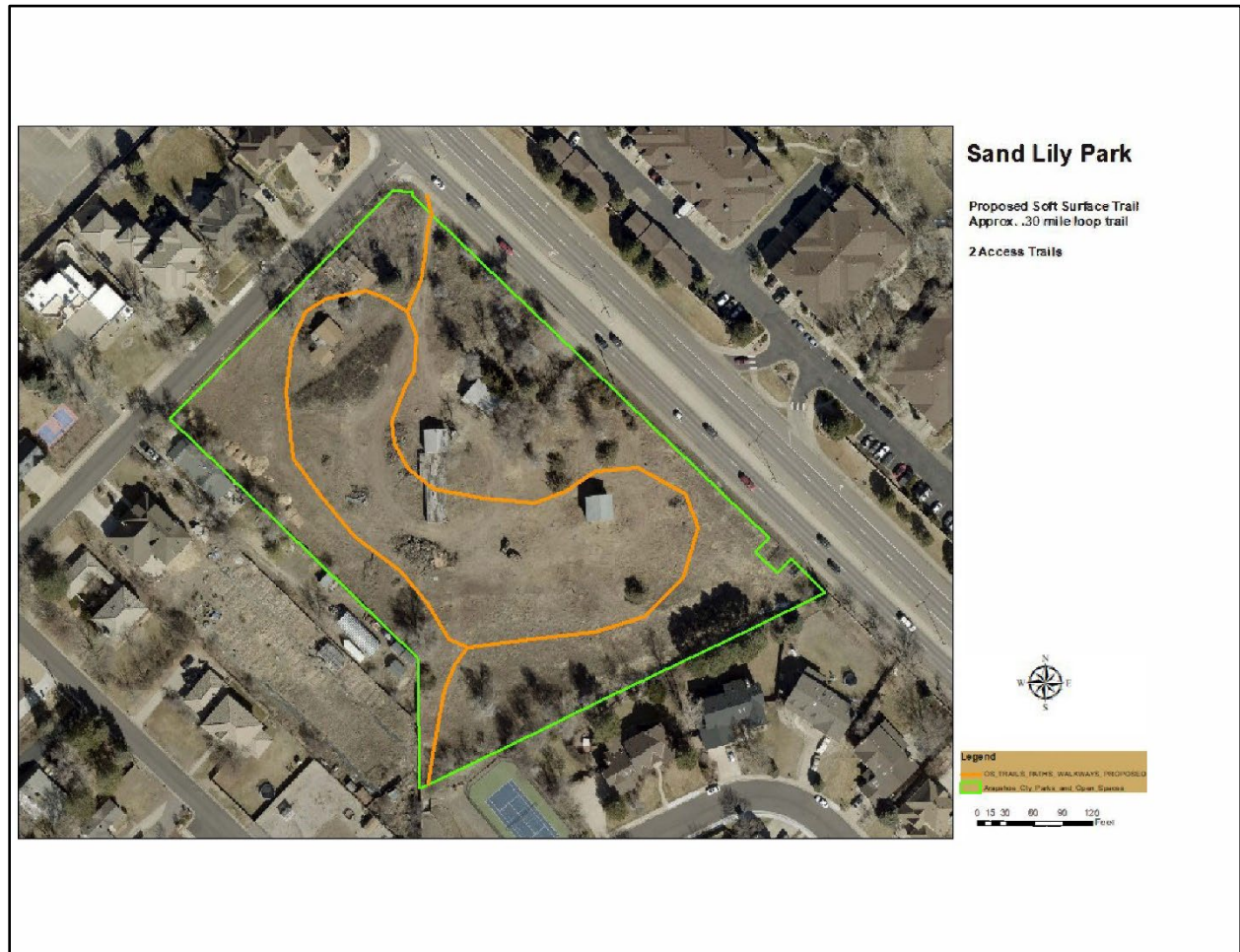
Since purchasing the property, the County has been working on site improvements to get it ready to be opened to the public. These improvements include demolishing the existing buildings onsite, replacement of the privacy fence along the southeastern portion of the property, extensive vegetation removal, weed control, and reseeding the property to restore the vegetation.

Discussion and Analysis: Acquisition of Sand Lily Park helped to fulfill the need for more open space and recreation in the underserved Four Square Mile Area. The nearby Long's Pine Grove and Cheyenne Arapaho Parks are incredibly popular. An additional park in the Four Square Mile Area will provide the residents another recreation option once opened. At this time, the master planning of the park to guide future development is scheduled for 2027-2028 and construction of permanent amenities could be in 2028 or 2029. Because the construction of permanent recreation amenities is several years off, the County is proposing to install an interim 1950ft long crusher fine trail, two benches, two trash cans, a park sign, and two dog waste bag dispensers so residents can enjoy the property while the master planning, design and construction can take place. The County will be reusing several benches and dog waste bag dispensers for this project. The project cost breakdown is as follows:

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
Crusher fine trail	Ton	200	\$50	\$10,000
Trash Can	EA	2	\$1,016	\$2,032
Park Sign	EA	1	\$5,000	\$5,000

Fencing	LF	200	\$5,000	\$5,000
			Total	\$22,032

A loop trail, with access points for the community on the north and south sides of the park are proposed. Work will be completed by County staff.



Recommendation: Staff recommends making a formal recommendation to the BoCC to approve the allocation of \$22,032.00 from OS Acquisition and Development Fund for the construction of Sand Lily Park Temporary Trails.

Suggested Motion: I move we recommend to the BOCC approval of funding Sand Lily Temporary Trails Construction Project not to exceed \$22,032.00 from OS Acquisition and Development Fund.

Alternatives: Recommend approval, approval with changes, or denial.

Fiscal Impact: \$22,032.00. The fund balance exceeds the amount requested.

Attachments: Presentation



STAFF REPORT

Date: April 28, 2025

To: Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB)

Through: Gini Pingnot, Open Spaces Director

From: Roger Harvey, Planning Manager

Subject: **Iliff Ave Trailhead Fencing and Connector Trail - Funding Recommendation**

Purpose and Action Requested: Staff will present the Iliff Ave Trailhead Fencing and Connector Trail project to obtain a recommendation from OSTAB to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) to approve the allocation to expend \$24,364.00 from the Open Spaces Acquisitions and Development Fund for the construction of the fence and connector trail.

Background: In 2017 and 2018 during the design of the Cherry Creek Bike/Ped bridge just south of Iliff Ave, a portion of an undeveloped parcel of land owned by Cherry Creek Valley Water & Sanitation District (CCVWSD) was required for the new trail and bridge approach. Upon inquiring to CCVWSD they offered the entire parcel for sale. It was determined that purchase of the entire parcel would provide for a future trailhead for users to access the Cherry Creek Trail and new park area to the north.

The design and construction of the trailhead is planned for 2026 – 2027 but during the Iliff Ave widening project, the trailhead property was used as a temporary construction staging area by the construction contractor. Now that the widening project has been completed, Open Spaces needs to fence the property to prevent trespassing and dumping until the trailhead can be designed and constructed.

In addition, the county owns a parcel north of the trailhead property, adjacent to Cherry Creek. Previously, the adjacent property owner encroached on the property by parking multiple vehicles on the property. As part of the Cherry Creek Corridor Improvement project the vehicles were removed. Fencing the property was delayed because the Iliff Ave. Widening Project needed to access the property for various improvement. Now that both projects have finished, the County plans to fence the property to prevent trespassing and dumping and construct a 200-foot trail connection to the main trail system constructed as part of the Cherry Creek Corridor Improvement project.

Discussion and Analysis: As mentioned earlier; to prevent trespassing and dumping, the county is going to install 375-feet of fencing on these properties. In addition, a 200-foot crusher fine connector trail will be installed on the northern parcel. This will allow visitors to access the Cherry Creek Regional Trail from the sidewalk that runs along the north side of Iliff Ave. This project will

include a concrete pad where the connector trail intersects the sidewalk along north Iliff Ave. and installation of a bollard to prevent vehicles from driving down the trail. Lastly, the northern parcel will be restored with native seed. Because the Iliff Ave. Widening Project needed to access the northern parcel, the parcel was not reseeded, and the connector trail was not built when the Cherry Creek Corridor Improvement project took place. The total cost of the work is \$24,364.00.

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Recommendation: Staff recommends making a formal recommendation to the BoCC to approve the allocation of \$24,364.00 from OS Acquisition and Development Fund for the construction of Iliff Ave. Trailhead Fencing and Connector Trail Project.

Suggested Motion: I move we recommend to the BOCC approval of funding Iliff Ave. Trailhead Fencing and Connector Trail Project not to exceed \$24,364.00 from OS Acquisition and Development Fund.

Alternatives: Recommend approval, approval with changes, or denial.

Fiscal Impact: \$24,364.00 The fund balance exceeds the amount requested.

Attachments: Presentation



ARAPAHOE COUNTY
OPEN SPACES

Development Fund Project Funding

April 28, 2025

700 Fund Projects

1. DVRP Bike Park Sign
2. Interim Sand Lily Park Trail
3. Iliff Ave. Fencing



DVRP Bike Park Sign



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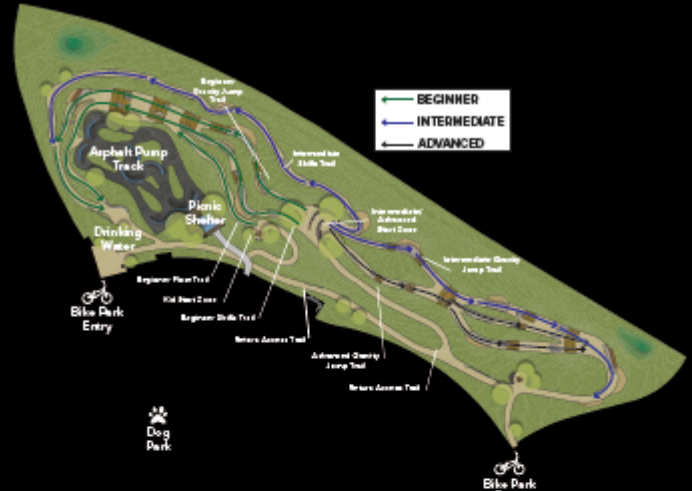
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Interim Sand Lily Park Trail



Sand Lily Park

Proposed Soft Surface Trail
Approx. .30 mile loop trail

2 Access Trails



Legend

OS, TRAILS, PATHS, WALKWAYS, PROPOSED
Arapahoe City Parks and Open Spaces

0 15 30 60 90 120
Feet

Interim Sand Lily Park Trail



Interim Sand Lily Park Trail

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
Crusher fine trail	Ton	200	\$50	\$10,000
Trash Can	EA	2	\$1,016	\$2,032
Park Sign	EA	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
Fencing	LF	200	\$5,000	\$5,000
			Total	\$22,032

Iliff Ave. Fencing



Address

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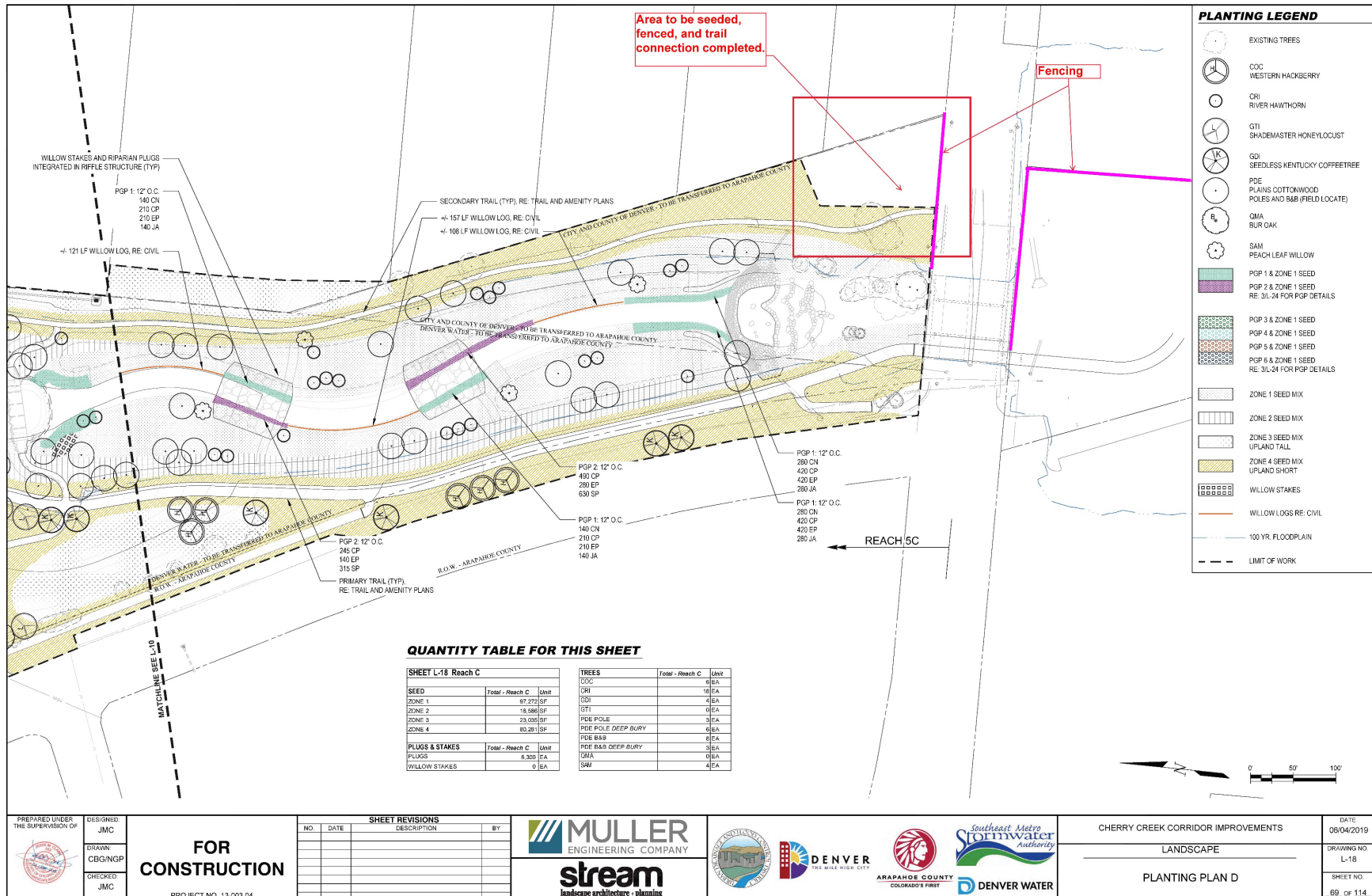
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2025 Open Space Grants - Applications Received

Applicant	Grant Request	Cash Match	Total Project Cost	Project Name
Standard Grants				
City of Aurora	\$600,000	\$2,557,129	\$3,157,129	Side Creek Park Renovation
City of Aurora	\$600,000	\$3,340,025	\$3,940,025	Utah Park Tennis Center Renovation
City of Englewood	\$500,000	\$173,988	\$673,988	Centennial Park Trail Enhancements
City of Greenwood Village	\$510,000	\$170,000	\$680,000	Carson Park Restroom Construction
City of Littleton	\$600,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,900,000	Jackass Hill Park
City of Littleton	\$600,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,600,000	Powers Park Improvements
South Suburban Park and Recreation District	\$600,000	\$1,982,000	\$2,582,000	Cornerstone Park Improvements Phase II Construction
South Suburban Park and Recreation District	\$600,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,700,000	Milliken Park Improvements
Total Standard Grant Requests	\$4,610,000	\$11,623,142	\$16,233,142	
Small Grants				
Strasburg Metropolitan Park & Recreation District	\$65,480	\$7,300	\$72,780	Comanche Crossing Museum Safety and Security
Strasburg Metropolitan Park & Recreation District	\$24,800	\$3,000	\$27,800	Lyons Park Trees and Trains
Total Small Grant Requests	\$90,280	\$10,300	\$100,580	
Planning Grants				
South Suburban Park and Recreation District	\$125,000	\$16,000	\$141,000	Ridgeview Park Redevelopment Project
Total Planning Grant Requests	\$125,000	\$16,000	\$141,000	
Total Requests	\$4,825,280	\$11,649,442	\$16,474,722	
Allocated Funding	\$5,500,000			



MANAGERS' REPORT

April 28, 2025

GRANTS AND ACQUISITIONS

2025 Grant Opportunities

- 2025 grant proposals were due April 11. We received 11 proposals (eight standard, two small, and one planning) totaling \$4,825,280.
- \$5.5 million is available in three categories:
 - \$4 million for Standard Grants (\$150,001 to \$600,000, 25% match)
 - Up to \$750,000 for Small Grants (\$1,000 to \$150,000, 10% match)
 - Up to \$750,000 for Planning Grants (\$1,000 to \$150,000, 10% match)
- Evaluator site visits will take place on May 28 and 29.

Closed Projects

- South Suburban Park and Recreation District – Harlow Park Improvements (2023 standard grant)
- City of Glendale – Glendale Park Phase II (2023 standard grant)
- City of Aurora – Peoria Hills Park Renovation (2021 standard grant)
- City of Littleton – Slaughterhouse Gulch Trail Connection (2020 standard grant)

Acquisitions

- The Trust for Public Land and The Nature Conservancy received a \$100,000 planning grant from Great Outdoors Colorado to assist Open Spaces in examining options to conserve and acquire portions of the Lowry Ranch property.

PLANNING

Dove Valley Regional Park Phase I - Construction

- Park is OPEN to the public; due to spring conditions trails are periodically closed due to moisture/mud.
- Bike Park Punchlist work ongoing - shelter for bike park is complete.
- Main Park tree replacement being completed, warranty inspections upcoming.

High Plains Trail: Segments 1-4

- Design & Construction for remaining trail segments 2,3, & 4 within the Prairie Point development are underway – design is at 100%.
- Easement acquisition is still being conducted by City of Aurora, unsure on any timing for completion.
- Estimated construction start in 2025, hopefully summer.

17 Mile House Farm Park Improvements

- Parker Rd. and future Aurora Pkwy. intersection design and construction: Working with CDOT, City of Aurora, and Kings Point/Prairie Point Developer to make intersection

improvements on Parker Rd. and future Aurora Pkwy, creating a 4-way signalized intersection.

- CDOT issued County Notice to Proceed Jan. 2024 we have 3 years to complete work.
- Prairie Point has issued advertisement for bids on entire infrastructure of development including intersection – construction could begin in early 2025.
- The Prairie Point CAB and the County selected Alpine Civil Contractors to construct the intersection and Sturgeon Electric to construct the traffic signal. The county issued a concurrence letter to Prairie Point CAB approving the contractors and the final construction cost. Prairie Point is waiting to receive their CDOT NTP for the intersection before construction can begin.
- The timeline for issuance of the NTP is unknown currently.

Kiowa Creek (North) Open Space Master Plan/Construction Project

- L&E has preliminary approval: Floodplain and Army Corp of Engineers Permit approval has been granted. Last submittal was conducted, and the Planning Commission Hearing was set for May 20th.
- CPW Archery Range Grant was awarded to County to receive a \$80,000.
- 100% construction documents completed; final bid documents are being finalized.
- SIGNIFICANT DELAYS: Due to working in the floodplain the State Historic Preservation Office and Army Corps of Engineers have required a cultural Historical Survey – Update: no significant additional archeological sites were located.
- UPDATE: project is back on track. After Planning Commission approval and BoCC Land Use approval OS will seek final funding approval for construction.
- Request For Proposals from contractor for construction will take place in summer 2025.

New 4 Square Mile Park: Arcadia Park

- A new residential community comprised of approximately 345 rental apartment units and 168 two-story for-sale paired-homes at the former Potter's House Church site at 9495 E. Florida Ave., on a 32-acre site.
- Open Spaces requested land dedication for a park instead of Cash in Lieu in 2020.
- Final funding has been approved.
- Property has been transferred to County ownership.
- Contractor and Bids Dec. 2024.
- Once we received the final construction cost, the county will issue a concurrence letter to the developer approving the selected contractor and final cost and issue a PO. UPDATE: Final Cost has been provided and approved –
- Final Cost is \$3,895,439 with a 7.5% Contingency. Removing Contingency this is approx.. 400k below approved funding budget and cost estimate.
- We anticipate the construction of the park to start in May or June 2025.

Bijou Basin – Master Plan

- Natural resources, agriculture and cultural studies; drafts have been completed.
- Phase I community outreach – public meetings in Byers and Benntt Days, Survey are completed.
- Extensive Phase I public comments and surveys are being summarized and compiled for review and internal discussion.
- Based on comments and management decisions public feedback will generate three park concepts for Phase II public outreach in early 2025.

- Phase II public outreach: presenting the three master plan concepts at library in Beyers and online meeting has been completed.
- Surveys and comments from public meetings are being compiled and draft Master Plan is being completed along with final park concept.
- Presentation of draft final concept and Master Plan to OSTAB will occur in June 2025.

Richmil Ranch – Phase II Parking Lot Expansion

- Partnership with County Public Works to design, bid and construct an expansion to Richmil Parking lot
- CDOT has issued new Access Permit.
- Funding request to OSTAB in Dec. 2024.
- BoCC funding for project was approved in Jan. 2025
- PWD issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for contractors to bid in March, closing date for bids is April, 24, 2025.
- Construction start anticipated in June 2025.

Countywide Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan implementation: S. Holly St. and E. Yale Ave. Multimodal improvement project

- Identified in 2017 Master Plan: bike and pedestrian improvements along Yale Ave. to connect existing bike lanes in Denver to Cherry Creek Trail and High Line Canal Trail and Bible Park.
 - This project will be put out to bid AFTER the underpass project is constructed. The projects had to be separated due to the underpass requiring federal funding
 - Yale sidewalk improvements will likely be constructed some time in late 2026.
- City of Denver leading High Line Canal crossing underpass of Yale Ave. in partnership with County for roadway improvements and inclusion of new side-path along Yale for bikes and pedestrians.
 - Tentative Schedule: Design through 2024, Contractor starting construction 2025 and opening 2026.
 - 2014-2015 Funding approvals for Yale/Holly Highline Canal crossing improvements for \$500,000 are now going to be re-approved by OS: BoCC has approved funding.
- Inverness Drive West: 2 of the 3 roundabouts have been constructed. The bikeways have been constructed. This project will likely be completed in the spring
- Other multi-modal projects being scoped and investigated:
 - HAWK crossing signal for Quebec Street and High Line Canal.
 - Peoria missing sidewalk connection: west side of Peoria from Arapahoe Rd to Easter Ave.
 - Parker Road Trail on east side of Parker Road through Foxfield – to Broncos Parkway.
 - HLC Underpass @ Broadway
 - DRCOG Florida Ave Multimodal Corridor Study
 - County-Wide Transit and Micro-Mobility Study
 - Easter Trail Study to connect Foxfield to CC trail.
 - Parker Road multi-modal safety Improvement Study – Parker Road from Mississippi to Havana.
- New Project: Update County Land Dedication Standards:

- Partnership with County Planning Section to research and update the County's Land Development Code public land dedication or cash in lieu of land dedication as part of subdivision approvals.
- Request for Proposals was advertised, and proposals are due April 24, 2025.

OPERATIONS

Open Space, Parks & Trails Operations

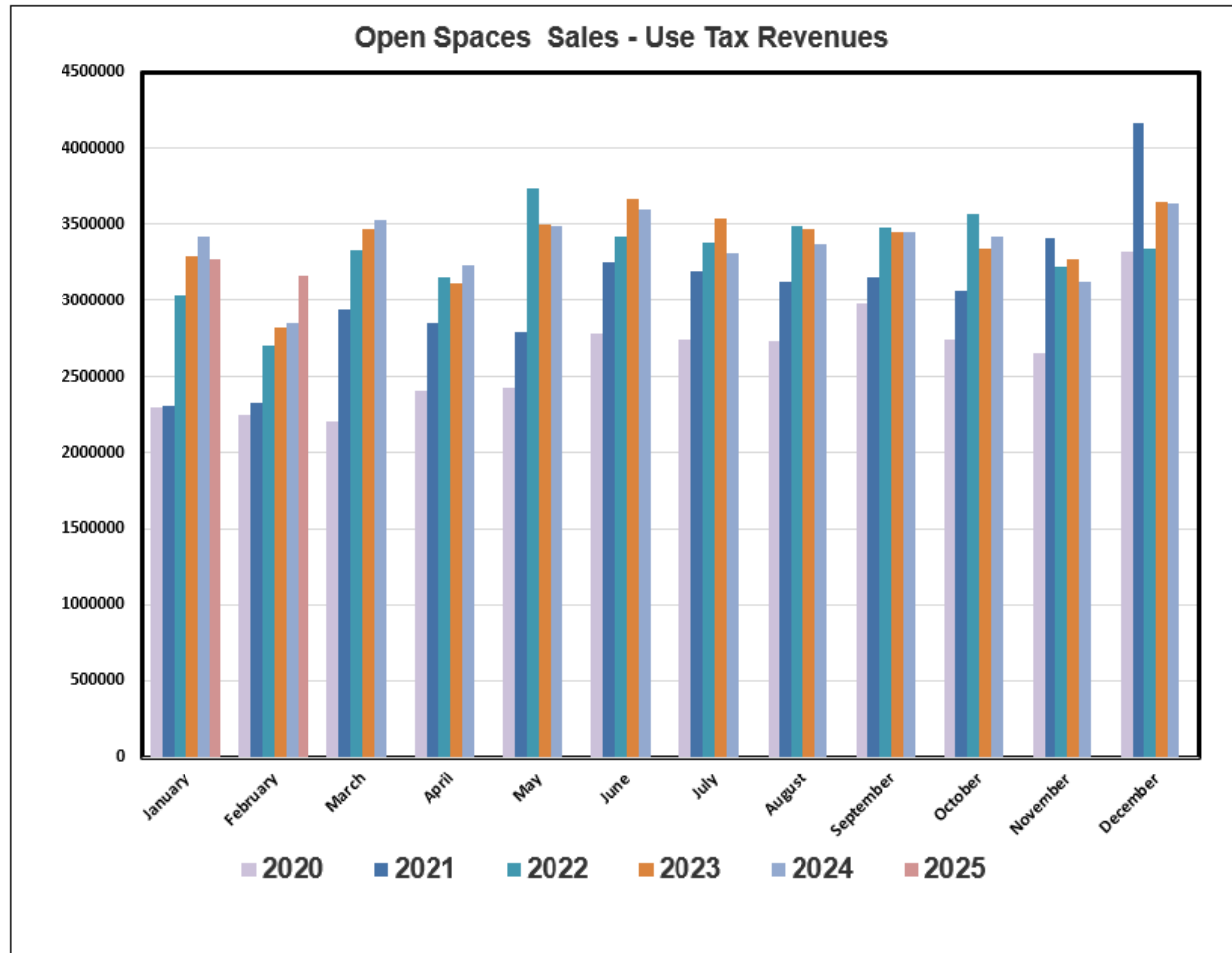
- Operations / Maintenance
 - Initiate mowing and irrigation services contract for spring / summer season at Dove Valley Regional Park.
 - Dove Valley Regional Park irrigation and pump start up for the 2025 season.
 - Procure GPS based field painter for Dove Valley Regional Park athletic fields.
 - Launch shelter rental program for spring / summer season.
 - Dove Valley Working Group meeting.
 - Ongoing development of agricultural and grazing leases for 2025.
 - Operations Technician interviews and hiring processes.
 - Continue recruitment for vacant Operations Technician positions.
- Projects
 - Five-year Capital Improvement Project / deferred maintenance program development.
 - Richmil Ranch parking lot expansion project coordination and future kick off with PWD.
 - Bijou Basin Open Space Master Plan: Ongoing support of planning process with Planning staff and project consultant. Review agricultural consultant's design revisions.
 - Kiowa Creek Open Space Development: Ongoing support of site planning and design.
 - High Line Canal:
 - Mapping application processes for License Agreements, easements, LOAs, etc.
 - Natural Resource Management plan development with consultants and Conservancy.
 - Storm Water Management Plan development with consultants and Mile High Flood District.
 - High Line Canal centralized maintenance contract in partnership with Mile High Flood District.
- 17 Mile House
 - Open House programming and schedule finalization for 2025 season.
 - Recruitment for Visitor Services Specialist for 17 Mile House operations.

Fairgrounds Operations

- Event Center
 - Final punch walk of Office Renovation Project. Commissioning of new HVAC systems.
 - 2025 signature event programming, scheduling, and budgeting.
 - Completion of work with IT to upgrade site IT infrastructure and upgraded Wi-Fi.
 - 2025 Event Center bookings and event date releases.
 - Update the venue booking process serving internal and external clients.
 - Initiate review and updates of Policies and Procedures document.

- Operations / Maintenance
 - Office renovation project in partnership with Project Management Office.
 - Fairgrounds windmill replacement project at Central Greens.
 - Fairgrounds East Wing HVAC design for future replacement.
- Annual County Fair
 - Fair budget updates and cost analysis review.
 - Fair emergency management planning. Tabletop exercise planning.
 - Liquor service training for staff who support liquor sales.
 - Animal emergency management planning with the Sheriff's Office.
- Signature Events
 - Chalk Lines and Vines signature event, this spring.

SALES AND USE TAX REVENUES



Total Collected Jan - Feb 2025: \$6,435,107 (\$65,452 more than same time last year)

Total Collected Jan - Feb 2024: \$6,269,655

Sales and use tax revenues are posted a few months after collection.